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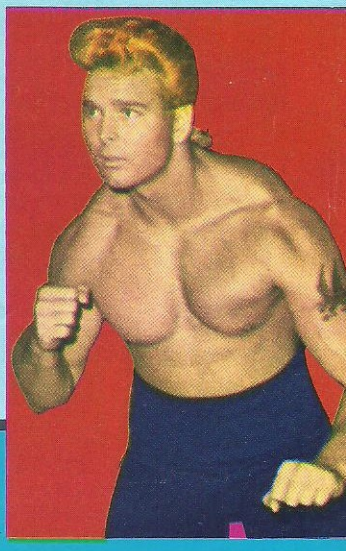

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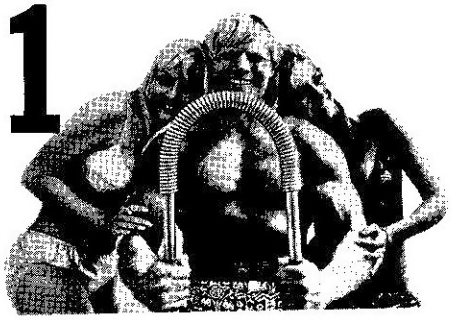

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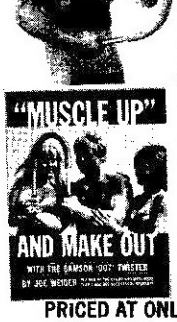

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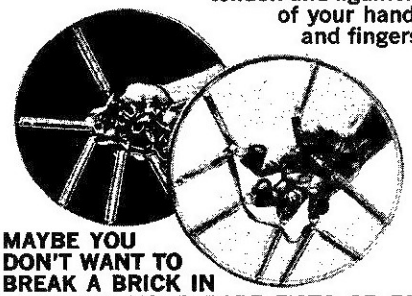

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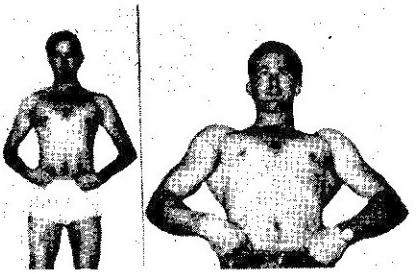

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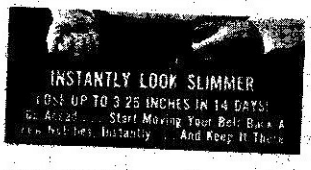

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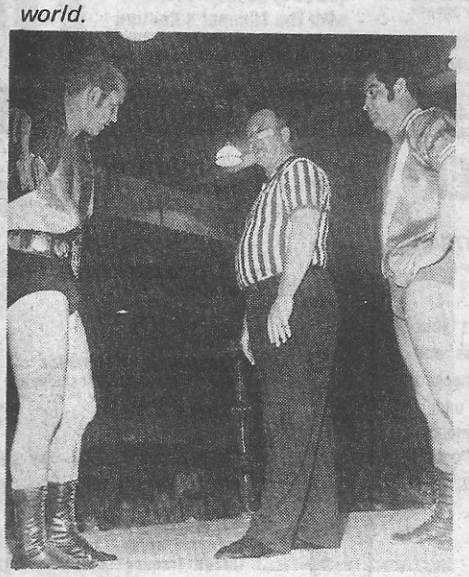

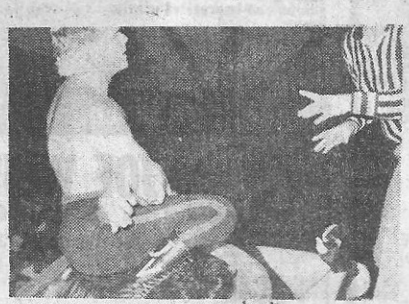

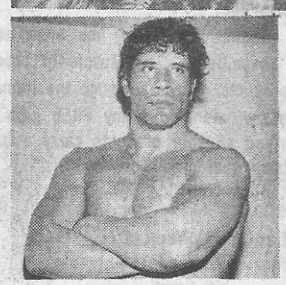

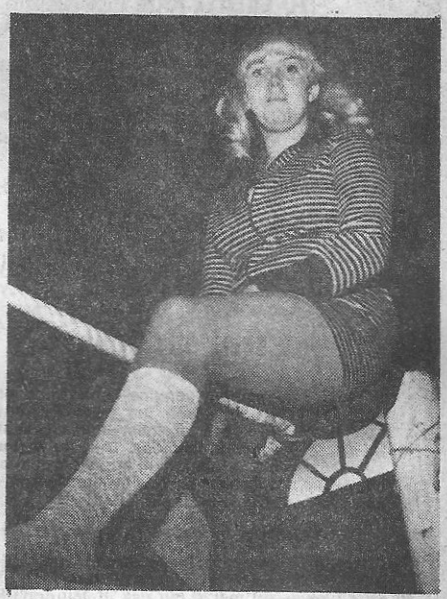

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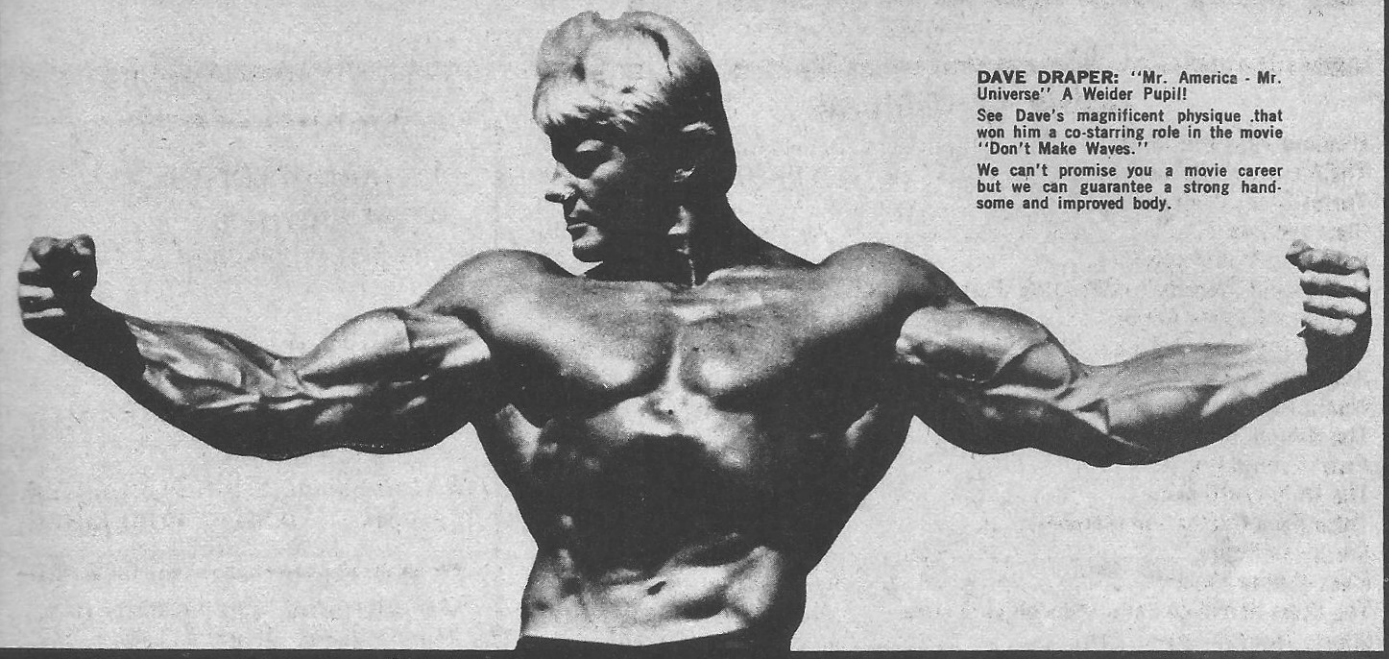

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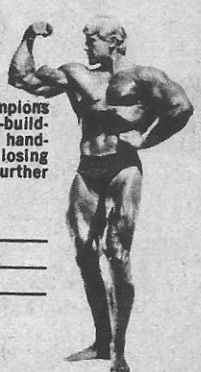

Here's the kind of body I want (Check as many as you wish).

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- ☐ Lose Weight
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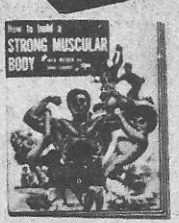

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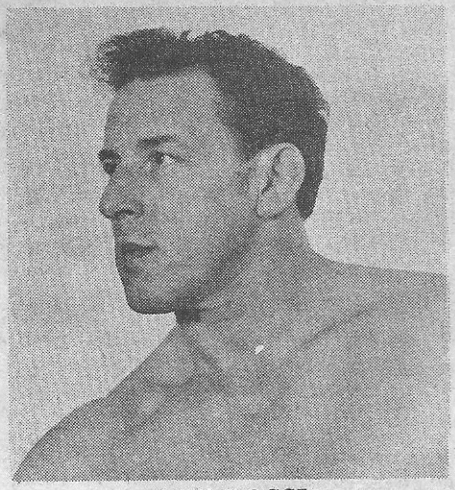


LEN ROSSI

WANTS STORIES ON THEIR FAVORITES

Sirs:

Your magazine has long been one of our favorites—in fact it's the only one we make a point to purchase. We really feel that it's out of sight.

However, we feel that your magazine has one shortcoming, there have been no recent articles on our favorites, namely:

1. Dynamic Domenic DeNucci
2. Johnny DeFazio
3. Waldo von Erich

We do understand that you can't have articles on every wrestler in every issue but couldn't you have a few more on our faves?

We would also like to know if all your writers are professionals—they are very good. However we have heard that many writers for sports magazines are nonprofessionals.

Thank you for your time. Continued success with the magazine!

Miss Cathie Baloga
Miss Debbie Bennett
Burgettstown, Pa.

(Editor's Note: Most of our writers are non-pros. Many are fans just like you two young ladies. We had big stories on all of your three mentioned favorites in past issues. However all are out of stock.)

WANTS MORE STORIES ON AMATEURS

Sirs:

Congratulations on an excellent magazine. I enjoy your "Readers' Pros and Cons" section, also your features on the lady wrestlers.

I would like to see more features

CANDY AND BRENDA

about amateur matches in your magazine. Your May issue carried an exciting match between two amateur girls, Candy and Brenda, written by Jim Reid. A return match between these two gals would be good material for a future story in your magazine. I think that a good, hard-fought match between amateurs is more interesting than most professional matches which in some cases are fixed.

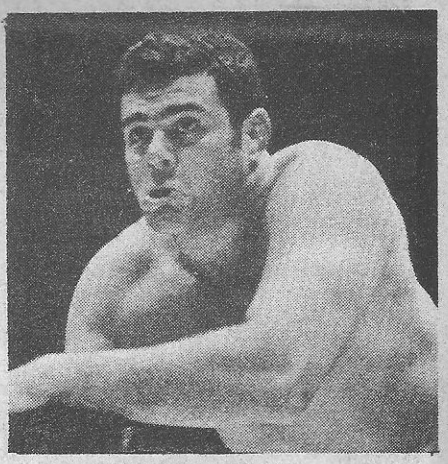
Tom Carlson
Jamestown, N.Y.

ARION TRUE "GOLDEN GREEK"

Sirs:

Although I have only been reading your magazine for a short time, I have come to regard "WRESTLING REVUE" as a great magazine, and the best wrestling magazine I have read to date. Keep up the good work!

Also I would like to see a story on "The Golden Greek", Spiros Arion.



SPIROS ARION

Many Greek wrestlers are known by that title, but I believe that Spiros is THE Golden Greek. I have seen him wrestling more times than I can remember and I think that he deserves that title most.

Ted Davis
Canberra, Australia

Editor's Note: We have had features on Arion in the past, but the issues are no longer in stock. We will have a big feature on him shortly.)

SAYS BRUNO AND GENE WERE TAG PARTNERS

Sirs:

I would like you to print that Bruno Sammartino and Gene Kiniski were tag-team partners. That's right! They were partners twice in 1962 against Johnny Valentine and Bulldog Brower. It was in Toronto that they teamed up and lost both times to Valentine and Brower.

I would also like to say that Earle Yetter is doing a fantastic job with his column. Earle also writes excellent first class articles as does Norm Kietzer. Gentleman Saul is also to be complimented on keeping everyone up to date on the old-timers. Even though many people hate his behavior as a wrestler and manager, he is still a great writer.

Frank Love
Scarbrough, Ont., Canada

(Editor's Note: You can now read Earle Yetter's Column every month in our sister publication, WRESTLING MONTHLY, edited by Norm Kietzer.)

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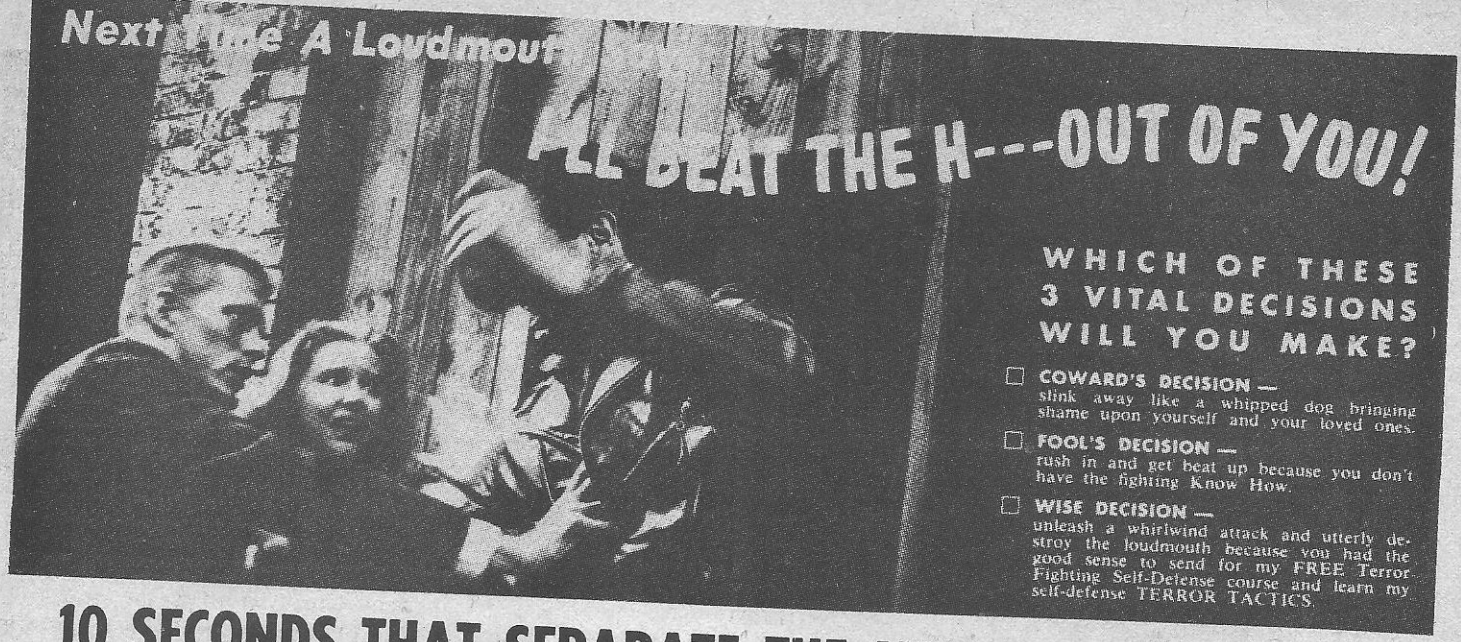

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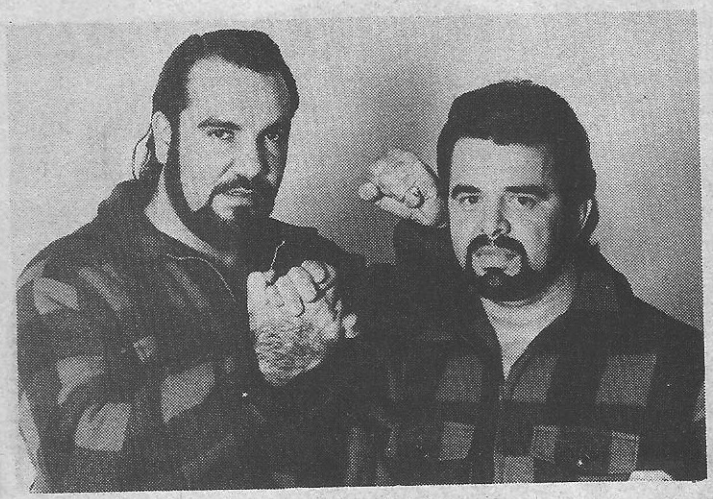
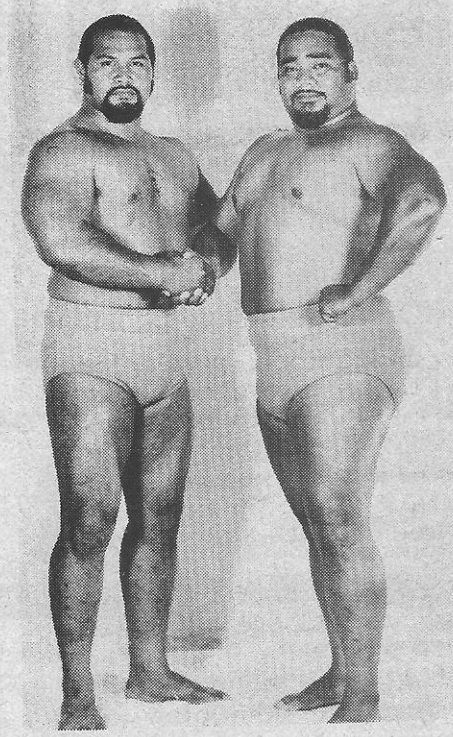
THE MANAGER'S CORNER...

By Gentleman Saul Weingeroff.

Russian brute Nikita Mulkovich.



The Alaskans, a torrid tag-team.



Tio and Reno, the Samoans, popular performers.

What the fans think of you-know-who.

Bobby Hart and Lorenzo Parente are in Texas and doing great. . .Sputnik Monroe is currently in Tennessee, where at one time he was king of the roost. . .Johnny Long gave up his wrestling trunks to become a manager, and he's managing a tough team from Samoa. . .Mario Milano is wrestling in South Africa. . .I have my original team of Karl and Kurt von Brauner and they are tougher than ever, and willing to defend their world belts against any team in the world. . .Donna Christanello, top girl wrestler, recently married a boy from her home town of Pittsburgh, Pa. . . .Remember Dick Lever? His son, Buddy Lever, who weighs 250 pounds and stands 6'6", is getting ready to launch a career in pro wrestling. Buddy was a member of the Police Department in Nashville, Tenn. . .Len Rossi's son Joey is undefeated as a pro wrestler. . .Karl Gotch and Swede

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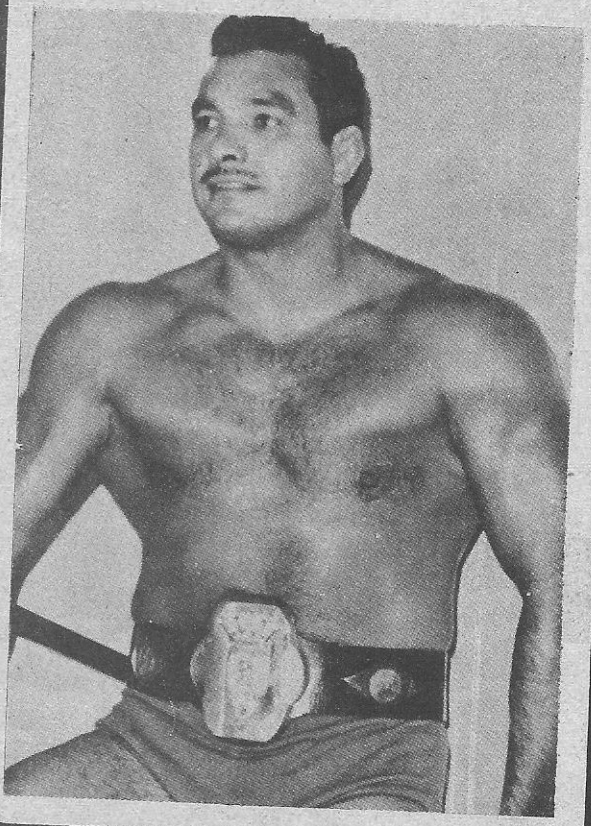
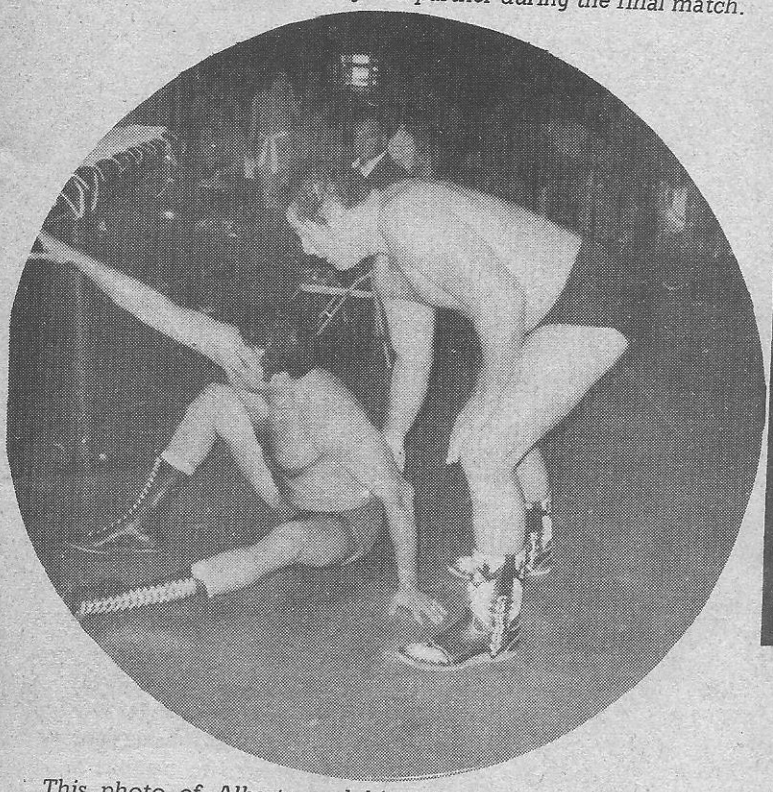
Ellis lends a hand to his injured partner during the final match.

FANS SHOCKED BY TORRES' DEATH





This photo of Alberto and his mid-western tag-team champion partner, Bob Ellis, was taken before the fatal match.

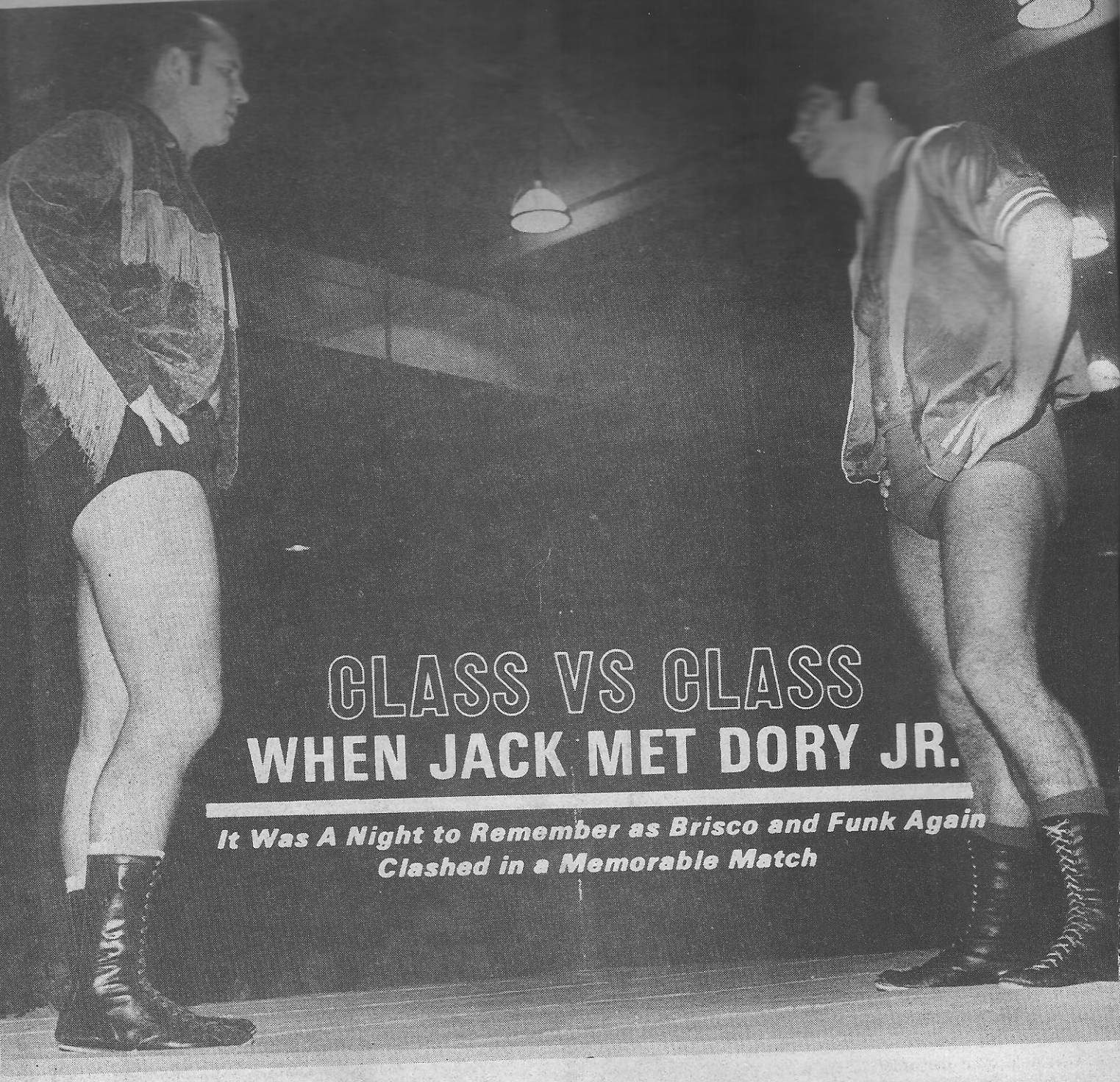
BY RON WEEKS

OMAHA, Neb.—The wrestling world was shocked by the recent death of professional wrestler Alberto Torres, age 30. Alberto, member of the famous Torres wrestling brothers family, which also included Enrique and Ramon, has died from injuries received while wrestling.

Torres was seriously injured during a tag team match in which he and partner Cowboy Ellis were defending their Midwest Tag Team Championship against Doug "Ox" Baker and a masked wrestler known as The Claw. The Claw leaped on Alberto's chest while Baker held Torres' arms back. Torres was later admitted to Omaha's Immanuel Hospital, where he was in serious condition with bad internal injuries. The match took place on June 13th, 1971 in Verdigre, Nebraska.

Torres was pronounced dead four days later. Death was attributed to injuries received in the tag battle.

Alberto had become one of the most popular wrestlers ever to appear in this area, and was known throughout the nation. The mat world will mourn the death of this 232-pound native of San Francisco who gave his all doing what he liked best—wrestling. ♦



CLASS VS CLASS
WHEN JACK MET DORY JR.

It Was A Night to Remember as Brisco and Funk Again Clashed in a Memorable Match

BY GLENDA WILLIAMS

Photos by Gene Gordon

Since leaving Australia in 1968, I have attended wrestling matches throughout Canada and in 24 of your 50 states. I have long considered the best match I have ever seen to be the one held in Melbourne, Australia, back in 1967 The match saw Eric Froelich and Pat Patterson opposed under the promotional guidance of Jim Barnett. But, as of March 9th, 1970, my mind has been changed, for in Charlotte, N.C. I was enthralled by the science of two greats in a title match under the banner of Jim Crockett.

The match between title-holder Dory Funk, Jr. and challenger Jack Brisco held the packed house spell-bound, for it had a quality rarely seen. There was an air of sincere appreciation for the genuine ability and pure science displayed by the two adversaries. With each second, it became more apparent that both were intent on winning, and so the stage was set.

As soon as referee Lucky Roberts signalled the time-keeper to sound the bell, a strange silence fell over the entire arena. The eyes of both men met with the enthusiasm and

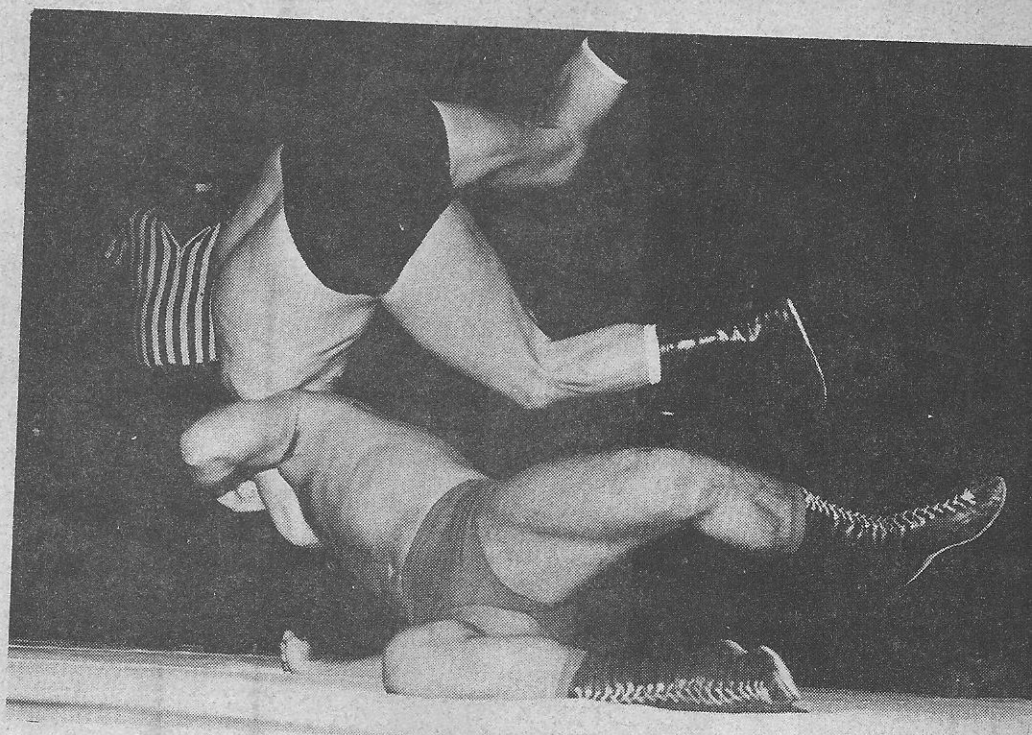
determination that becomes an integral part of any title match. Initially, Funk and Brisco were very wary, "sizing-up" the situation, each man looking for the opening maneuver with which to gain advantage. Brisco dropped his guard for a split second and found himself spinning into the ropes for a break, and no count necessary by the referee. The crowd applauded enthusiastically throughout. Brisco won the first take-down with an expertly applied armdrag.

The next few minutes saw repeated armdrags by Brisco and bridging from Funk to avoid the pin. Jack continued in this fashion and really applied the pressure, but in a standing position this time. Funk relaxed slightly to relieve the pressure in his shoulder and upper arm, but at no time did he cease to remain alert for an opportunity to gain the advantage.

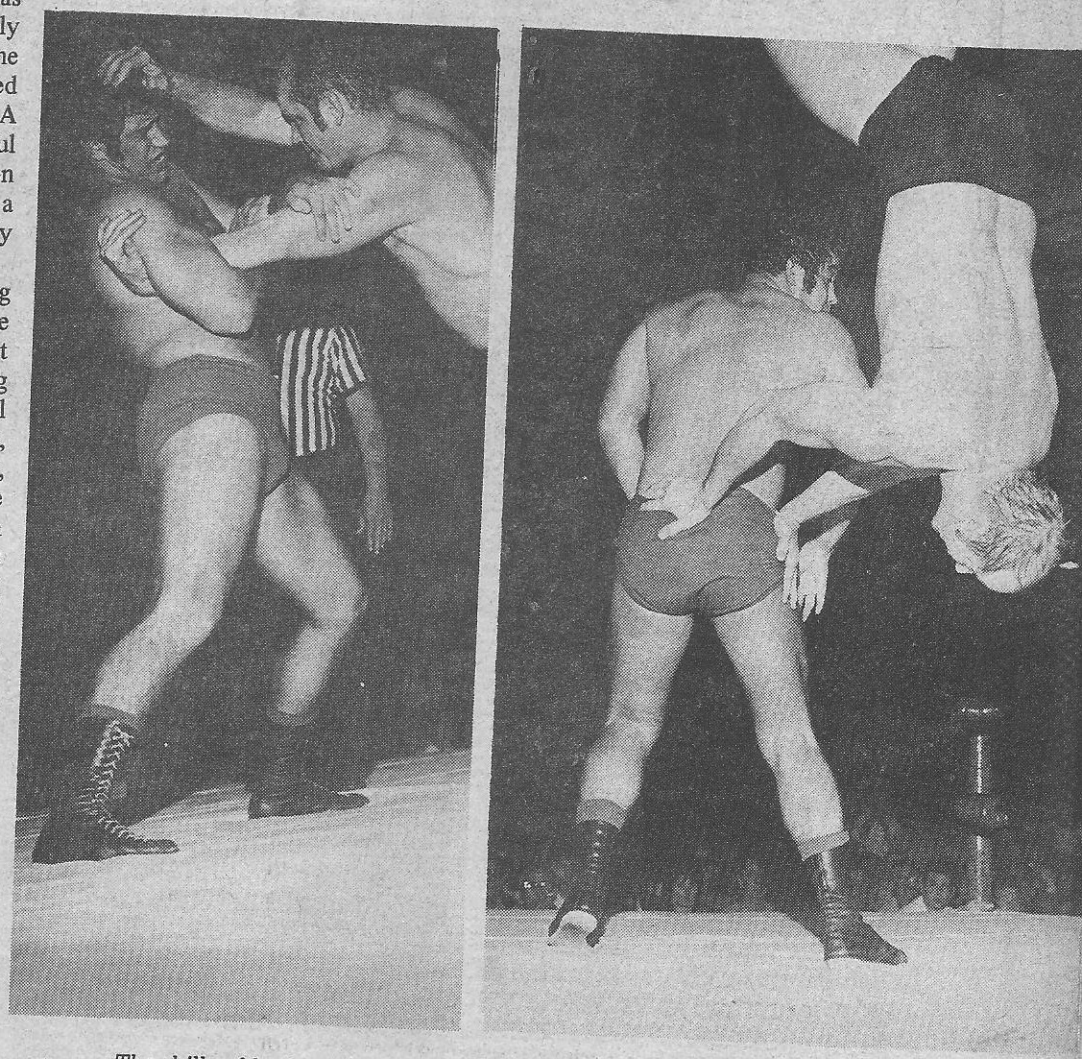
With a sudden jerk, Funk threw Brisco into the ropes and prepared to leap as Jack came hurtling back across the ring. There came another clash into the ropes, but this time it was Dory who was on top with a firmly clamped headlock taking Brisco to the canvas. A chinlock by Brisco, reverted to the original headlock by Funk. A bridge by Jack, then a successful attempt to reach the standing position only to be taken down again with a flying drop-kick beautifully perpetrated by Funk.

And so it continued—pitting strength with strength, the audience held in suspense, with excitement written on each face and unknowing which man would win the final advantage Flying mares and dropkicks, leg, arm, head, wrist and chin locks, hip throws, body-slams, along with the countless other maneuvers which provide the quality in scientific wrestling, were the order. There were no gimmicks, very few chances missed by either man, and no major mistakes made of which I was aware.

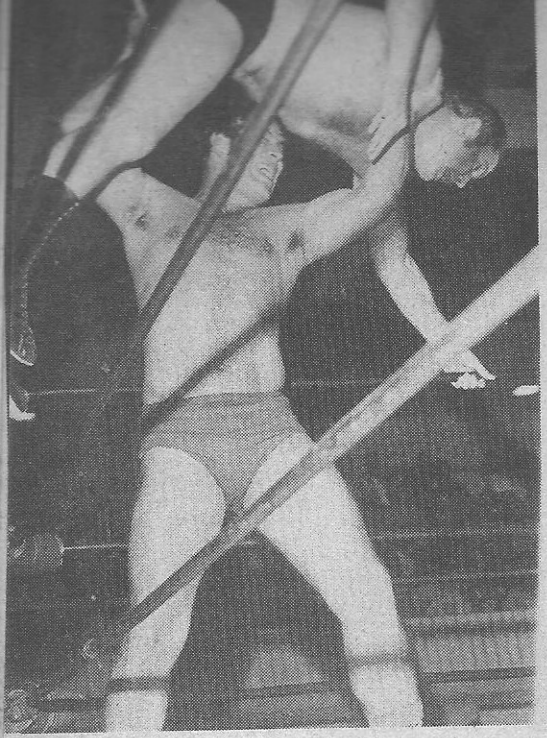
One could sense the tremendous respect each man held for the other's ability in the ring; and indeed the respect shown by the crowd was very gratifying to those who have a genuine love for this sport. Each time a hand was laid on the opponent's head, it was for leverage only, there was no hair pulling, eye gouging, biting or kicking. The only time the crowd displayed any discontent, was when title-holder Funk used a few forearm smashes to relieve the frustrations

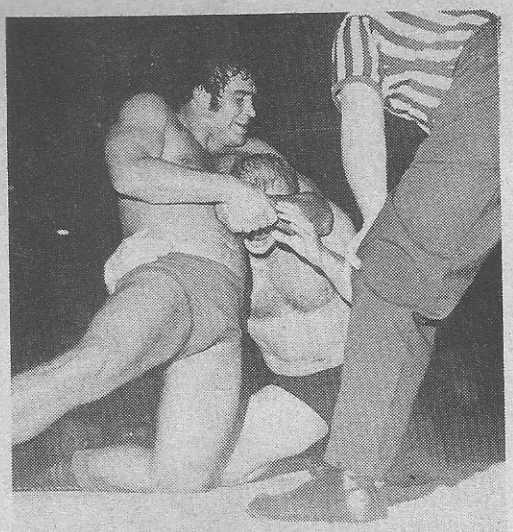


Dory Jr. sends Brisco flying during their exciting match in Charlotte.



The skills of both men were tested to the utmost in their battle.





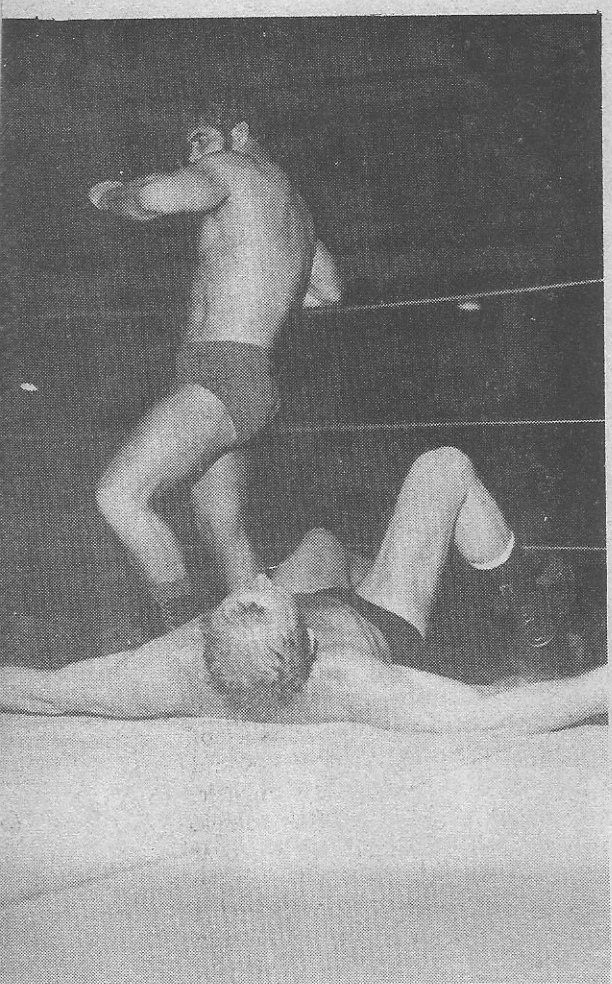
Brisco gave Funk a real battle, using all his strength and skills against those of Dory Jr.

which accompany pain after a long period of pressure is applied to a limb. Even so, Funk made it quite clear to all, that it was a forearm and not a fist he was using to provide the break.

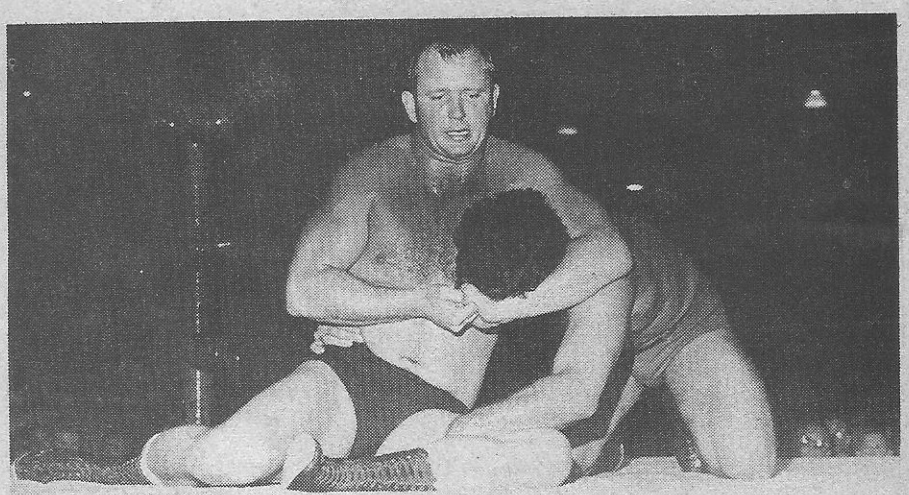
Tempers fray easily in a title match, as Dory pointed out in a later interview. "I worked hard for this belt, becoming the second youngest man ever to hold a world title, and I wasn't about to give up the top prize in professional wrestling, without doing my level best to win. This title means too much to me, as it would to any man."

Of the challenger, Dory had this to say: "Jack Brisco is a great wrestler. He is young, strong and talented. With his youth comes an uncanny knowledge that you would only expect to find in a wrestler many years his senior. He is a thorough gentleman and my friend."

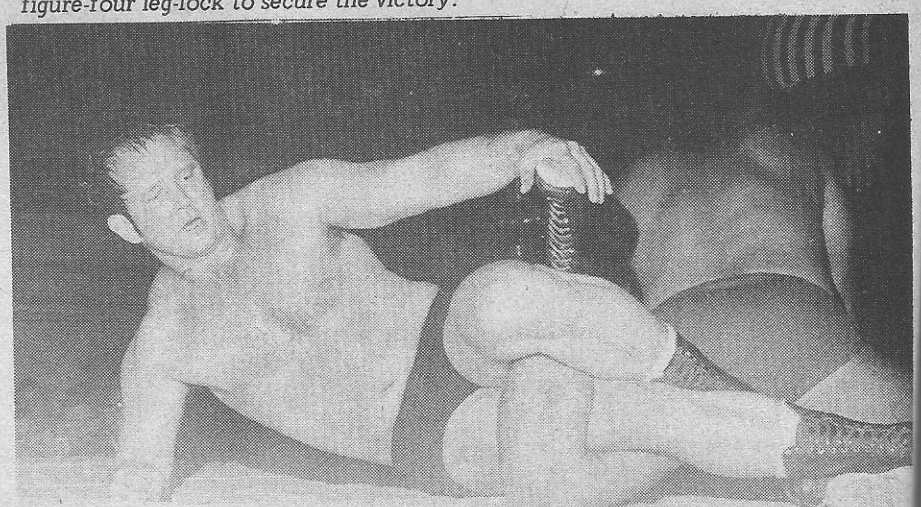
Although referee Lucky Roberts always does an excellent job of



Funk was hard pressed to keep his title against the onslaught of Brisco.



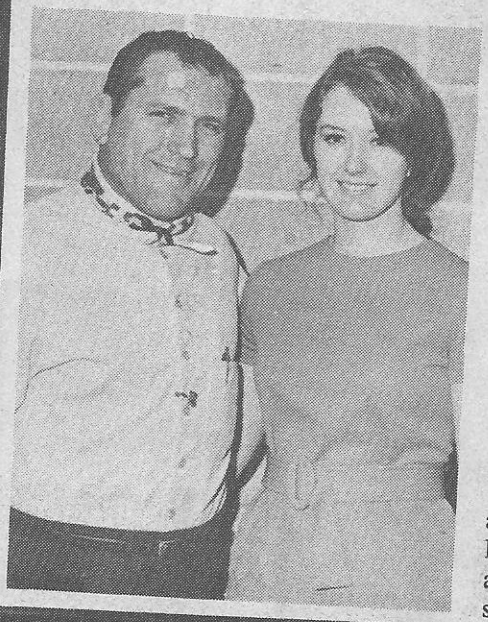
Dory used a powerful head-lock to weaken Jack, and then slapped on a figure-four leg-lock to secure the victory.



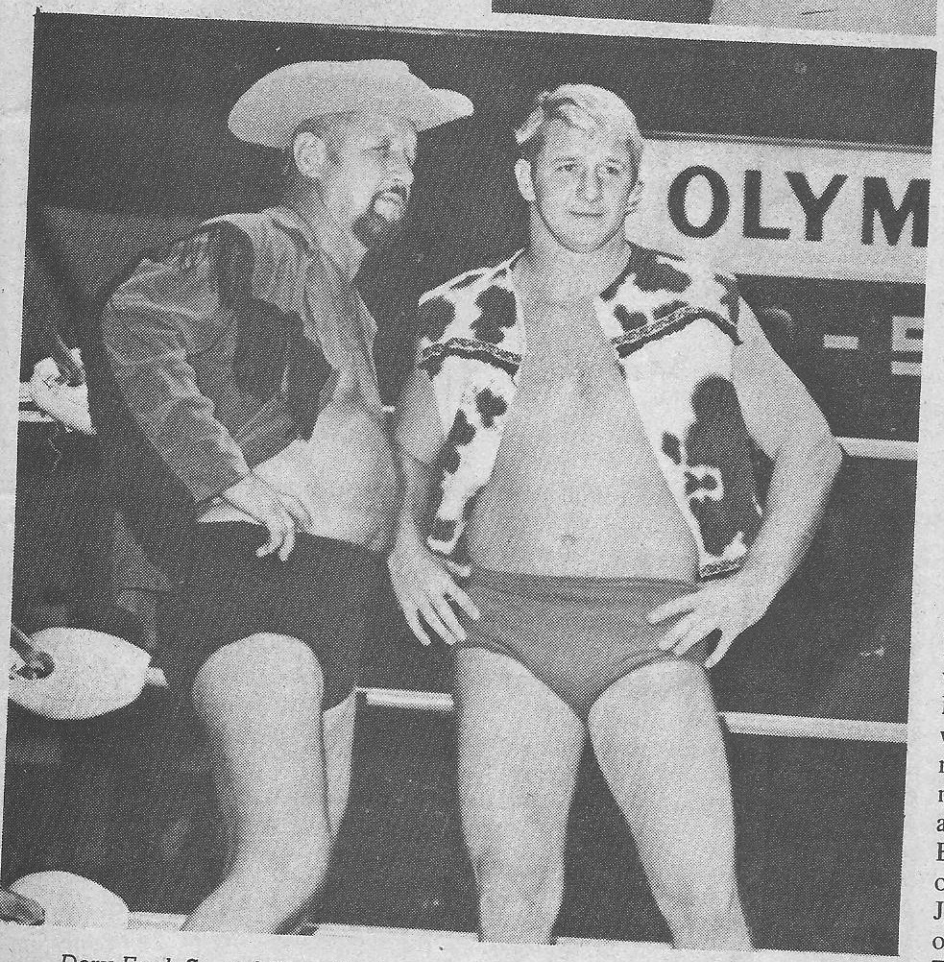
FANS! DO YOU KNOW THAT

BY GARY ROWELL

Mil Mascaras, alias Lupillio Gonzales?



Danny Hodge with pert Trish Rowell.



Dory Funk Sr. and Terry Funk, tops among the father-son tag teams.

Fans the world over are still shocked that Bruno Sammartino actually lost the W.W.W.F. World Heavyweight Championship Crown after holding the title for an incredible seven years-plus. Even Sammartino's staunchest critic has to admit that Bruno really did face several of this decades top headliners during his reign, namely: Freddie Blassie, Ray Stevens, The Sheik, Buddy "Killer" Austin, Johnny Valentine, Killer Kowalski, and Dr. Jerry Graham. . .European grappler Yuri Borienko recently played the part of a drunken Russian athlete on NBC-TV's "From a Bird's-Eye View" program. . .The latest "Good Guys" to turn villain are Nick Bockwinkle, Cowboy Bruce Kirk and Rene Goulet. Goulet is currently feuding with fellow Frenchman Louis Tillet. . .Joe "The Rebel" Scarpa disappeared from the Southern circuit and has turned up on the East coast under the moniker of Chief Jay Strongbow. . .N.W.A. World Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk Jr. was pinned by Jack Brisco in Tampa, Florida. Unfortunately for Brisco it was a one fall non-title match. . .In the midst of the Funk Jr.-Brisco feud a masked wrestler billed as The Texan appeared on the scene, whereupon Brisco immediately accused The Texan of being "that coward Dory Funk Jr.!" In a fit of rage The Texan ripped off his mask to reveal himself to be Terry Funk, the kid brother of the

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HUMOR AND TRAGEDY IN PRO WRESTLING...

BY EARLE YETTER

This is the second chapter in the fascinating story of the ever-changing galaxy of the wonderful world of professional wrestling in the past twenty-five years.

Here are intimate tales of the greats and near-greats that have been friends and pals of veteran wrestling historian Earle Yetter. In this and four following chapters you will meet them all, you will share their heartbreaks and joys in this fascinating journey through the more than quarter century of Wrestling's "Golden Era". . . .

I have personally met and talked with the men whose stories I have been relating and it has been a revelation to me that men can possess such admirable characters as they have displayed during the course of their careers.

A professional wrestler is a man of extreme magnitude. He aims for a certain objective in life and then proceeds to try to make that dream come true. He must possess plenty of nerve to go into the ring night after night, regardless of consequences and possible injury. He has to try to keep his cool under all kinds of circumstances and he runs the complete gamut of emotions during the course of a match.

Why must he do these things, you ask. Simply, because it is the one thing in life that he wants to control and master. If he is successful then he can obtain almost anything he might desire in this chaotic world. So, he puts his prowess to the test. If he is found wanting he will fade into mediocrity and be just a so so performer. If he is successful it is a dream that came true for him and a better than average existence. Yes, it is all worth striving for and it is with pleasure that I unfold for you readers some of the outstanding and dominant characters in the world of professional wrestling.

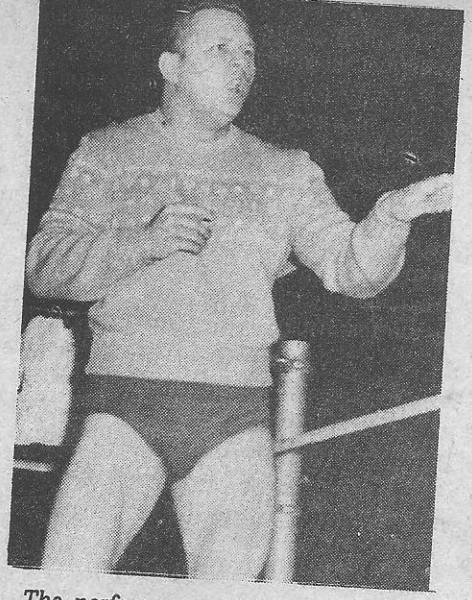
One figure that you cannot help but admire is Lord Athol Layton, who is a leading contender for the British Empire Championship. If anyone possesses pomp and circumstance in his ring meanderings it is this same Lord Layton. He is a rare combination of polished finesse and great ringmanship. He has the infinite quality of knocking off an opponent with a punishing hold or maneuver while displaying manners and savoir faire that could grace the most distinguished of English drawing rooms.

Lee "Bulldog" Henning, called the man with 1,000 faces. A real veteran of the mat wars.

Lord Layton acquired his Emily Post code of conduct and ethics in his native Surrey, England. He left England, and World War II found him in the Australian Army in New Guinea. He took up boxing in the army and won the Australian heavyweight amateur boxing championship in 1944 when he dethroned the favorite, Don Munro of Sydney, with one punch in the first round.

When the war was over he headed for Singapore and the adventures of the Far East. He wanted to get a job on the rubber plantations, but he was warned it was too dangerous for an Englishman. "Instead they talked me into becoming a wrestler," says Layton.

The Hindus were his early teachers. Eventually, he joined the troupe of Hungarian Emile Seiner, who was Greco-Roman Champion of Europe. The troupe, which traveled out of Singapore, was made up of Hindus, Chinese and Malayans. Layton was the



The performance of "Dancing Dick" Nelson (l) irked Pancho Lopez, so he left the ring and joined the fans at ringside, watching Dick before their scheduled match.

only Englishman.

When they wrestled in Kluang, the bandit hot spot, Indian troops had to guard the arena to prevent attacks. The troupe traveled 500 miles from Malaya to Penang but conditions forced them to travel only in the daylight. There was plenty of excitement and they were compelled to pass through ambushes with the guards beating back the attackers from time to time so that they could proceed further. Finally, banditry became so intensified that Layton deemed it advisable to leave although he had won 116 bouts against the best that the Far East had to offer.

In 1950, he left for Canada and signed for a number of matches with Promoter Frank Tunney in Toronto and other Ontario provinces. He also appeared with success in Buffalo, St. Louis and Boston. Layton once more wanted to become a rover. He craved excitement. . .that's the way he wrestles and that's the way he has lived, aggressive, always on the move seeking new opponents to conquer.

To the average layman, Lord Layton appears to be an all-around first class mat artist. When he first came to North America he brought with him the experience he had gained in the Orient and that was considerable. However, his overseas conquests were not known to the average wrestling fan at that time simply because he did not believe in being a braggart about his amazing victories in the Far East.

His conquests in Singapore included King Kong of Hungary, who was a 330-pound Champion of the Orient; Prince Bhu Pander of India who scaled 295 pounds, Darra Singh of India, a 6'-8" 280 pounder; Emile Korocenko of Hungary at 295 pounds and 290-pound Wong Buck Lee of Guam. He was out-weighed against all of the above named opponents.

In 1952 Lord Layton got the wanderlust once more and headed for the West Coast. He joined up with Lord James Blears and they formed one of the greatest tag team combinations that has ever appeared in California. A war buddy of Blears, one Captain Leslie Holmes, assumed the management of the team. He engineered the matches for the duo and then appeared at ringside in immaculate tuxedo to assist them and give them instructions during their matches. It can be said that it was Holmes' coolness on many occasions that turned what looked like apparent defeat into surprising victory. The clever managerial manipulations of Captain Holmes kept Layton and Blears in the forefront as headliners all during their association.

Their astounding record included the British Empire Tag Team Championship, the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship in 1953, and the same year they invaded Chicago to take the World Tag Team Championship. In 1954 they became the International TV Tag Team Champions in Hollywood.

Certainly, it was a record of which they could be proud. While in Hollywood, Layton took some time out of his wrestling schedule to make a movie called "The King's Thief" in which he had a principal part playing opposite petite Ann Blythe. He could have made more movies but he wanted to return to wrestling where he could always get his fill of excitement.

Finally when the trio split up, Blears and Holmes remained in California where they opened up a lucrative real estate business. They sold movie stars some of those elegant estates you read about. Lord Blears did not give up wrestling entirely. He still appears in matches occasionally in California and Hawaii.

Layton returned to Canada where he became a favorite with Ontario fans. He always came up with astonishing matches as a single performer. In tag matches he joined up with such stalwarts as Doug Hepburn, Fred Atkins, Ilio Di Paolo and Ula Maiava.

One day he got a hurry-up call from Buffalo Promoter Pedro Martinez who wanted him to comment on the matches in War Memorial Auditorium. Layton was an immediate success as a commentator because he had a thorough knowledge of all holds and maneuvers displayed by the participants. His professional delivery and clipped British accent tagged him as an up-and-coming wrestling commentator of the first water.

After Buffalo, he moved on to Cleveland, where the fans took him immediately to their hearts. Even hardened Cleveland sports-writers became enthralled in the manner in which Layton commented on the matches there, and that is unusual, to say the least.

When Promoter Frank Tunney in Toronto heard of the success of Layton as a commentator, he persuaded him to come to Toronto to comment on matches in Maple Leaf Garden as well as for televised studio matches in Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor. Layton's proficiency as a commentator became known far and wide and finally he was also hired by Promoter Francis Fleser in Detroit and the Motor City fans welcomed him with open arms.

In some of the interviews with wrestlers in Detroit, Layton on occasions would offer scathing rebukes to some of the grapplers for their unorthodox tactics. Sometimes a wrestler would charge back at him and challenge him to a match. When coerced into that situation Layton would accept the challenge and the next show would see him in the opposite corner ready to meet his tormentor. One whose ears he pinned back in spectacular fashion was Joe (Killer) Christie.

During the past year Layton has been the target of The Sheik and his wily manager, Abdullah (The Weasel) Farouk. Their TV interviews became hot and heavy, but to save face Layton did not hesitate to take up their challenge for a match. During an interview previous to the match, The Sheik picked up a steel chair in the studio and brought it crashing down upon the head of Layton causing contusions and other injuries.

The incident side-tracked Layton for about a month and he took a trip to Australia to recuperate. Upon his return to Detroit Layton demanded a return match with The Sheik as he wanted to repay him in full for the humiliation he suffered at the hands of the wild Syrian.

Promoter Fleser lost no time in getting a contract signed for the renewal feud and the fans flocked into Cobo Arena with the hope that Layton would retaliate in his well-known manner. When the match started it was apparent that Layton had every intention of righting the wrong which had been perpetrated upon him by The Sheik.

He dug into his bag of tricks and appeared to have The Sheik on the run. Layton was using heavy judo chops to The Sheik's jaw and neck and was visibly slowing down his attacks when the unexpected happened. In close quarters The Sheik reached inside his trunks and drew forth a flash of light which he waved across Layton's eyes. Layton dropped heavily to the mat in agony. The flame had scorched his eyes and he became immobilized once more at the hands of The Sheik.

As this story is being written Layton is once more recuperating in Australia. When he returns the first thing he wants is another match with The Sheik. He wants the opportunity, once and for all, to revenge the two insults that have been visited upon him by his chief tormentor. You can say what you will, but Layton has the moxie and the desire to make this next vendetta between he and The Sheik something to write home about.

Layton is adamant in his statement that he has had plenty of time during his recuperation to combine an offense that The Sheik will not be able to fathom and that his one objective is to put The Sheik in his proper place. Well, that's one battle the writer would like to see. All we can do is to warn The Sheik that Layton will be on the war path when he gets back to Detroit.

An insight into Lord Layton's character can be gleaned from this statement he made not so long ago: "As I grow older, I am becoming more preoccupied with faith. We live by faith more than we think and achieve by it more than we realize. I fully believe that faith is a precursor of all our ideas. Without faith, there never could have evolved hypothesis, theory, science or mathematics. I believe that faith is an extension of the mind and that it is the key that negates the impossible. To deny faith is to refute oneself and the spirit that generates all of our creative forces." This is beautiful sentiment, no matter how you look at it. Lord Layton puts faith ahead of anything else in his life and it has brought success for himself and his family.

Champions come and champions go, but one man who ascended to the world championship on two occasions was the highly respected Whipper Billy Watson. When he first became a pro wrestler he was a light heavyweight and he went to England for a couple years. He constantly endeavored to add more weight and after a series of matches in England he returned to Canada as a full fledged heavyweight.

Watson came into national prominence in 1947 when he defeated Champion Wild Bill Longson in St. Louis. On April 25, the same year, Lou Thesz toppled Watson from the throne in St. Louis. Thesz held the crown until 1956 when Watson again defeated Thesz in Toronto on March 15. Thesz always attempted to regain his crown each time he lost it on six occasions. On November 9, 1956 he defeated Watson in St. Louis which seemed to bring Watson's championship hopes to an end.

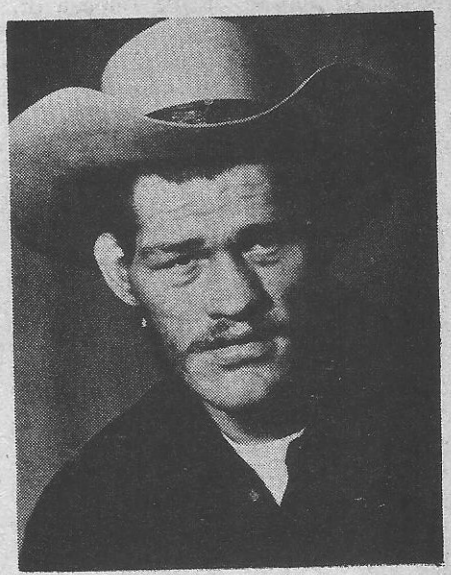
Although Watson still wrestles in the Canadian provinces, in recent years he has become Promoter Tunney's right hand man and handles matches in Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Brantford and other cities. Other championships Watson has held are the British Empire Championship and the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship with Bulldog Dick Brower as his partner.

At one time Watson aspired to be a violinist. However, he decided that wrestling was to be his life's vocation and that was why he became a wrestler instead of drawing the hairs of a horse's tail across the intestines of a feline quadruped.

Watson is known far and wide for his work as an humanitarian. Each year at his own expense he travels through the Canadian provinces attempting to rehabilitate crippled children thereby making their lives more happy. He will continue to wrestle until he feels "the hand-writing is on the wall" as far as being an active mat competitor is concerned. When that day comes he will retire.

During his championship days Watson always believed that a scientific approach to wrestling would overcome any unorthodox tactics by opponents. That supposition made him a victim of many injuries which temporarily halted his career on numerous occasions. But, Watson was made of the stuff that would not allow him to be sidetracked very long. He survived his injuries and always came back imbued with the idea that his mat career had to continue despite any handicaps.

That desire compelled him to study a couple of favorite holds which could be used upon opponents when he was hard pressed in battle. His repertoire of holds consisted of nerve holds which could weaken the arms, neck and shoulders of opponents and render them almost helpless; his famous "Whip" hold which would see an



Sky Hi Lee, who struck back when attacked by a fan in Welland, Canada, and ended up serving a 30-day jail term.

adversary fade into no resistance and gave him many victories along with his Commando Unconscious hold which was his own version of the Sleeper Hold and it must be said that those holds were lethal weapons in his arsenal of trade secrets.

At the present time Whipper is expounding the intricacies of the mat to his son, Whipper Watson, Jr. who, during the past year, has joined the pro ranks. Under Senior's guidance young Watson is being carefully groomed to uphold the Watson name and it is said that the youngster has championship qualities, according to reports of some of his first professional engagements.

That Whipper Billy Watson, Sr. is highly respected by all in the wrestling fraternity cannot be denied. He is a fitting example of the type of modern athletes who upholds all of the traditions upon which the sport of wrestling was founded. He will go down in the annals of wrestling as one of the most revered individuals the sport has ever produced, and it is an honor that he has earned.

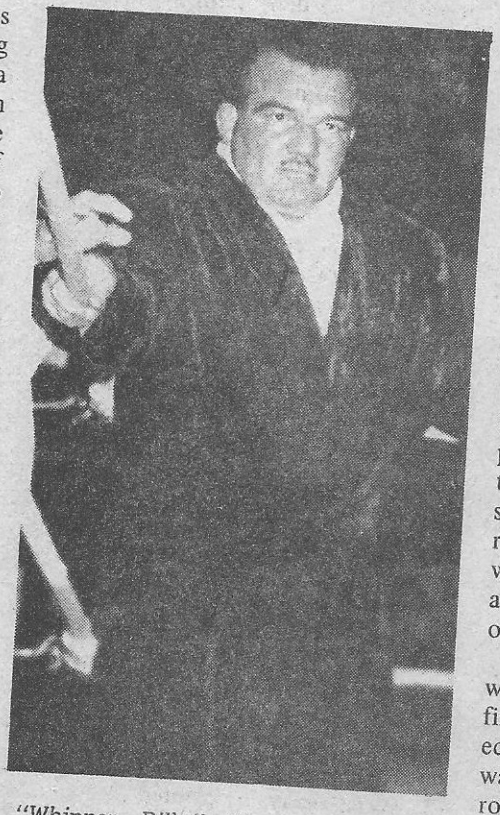
Although professional wrestling is among the most hectic of body contact sports today, it remains for some of the participants to add a little humor during a match. In my store house of memories there are many incidents which I have viewed which are good for chuckles and belly laughs.

One lad who could draw smiles from even Ed Sullivan is Lee (Bulldog) Henning. In appearance he is a blown-up version of Joe Palooka of cartoon fame and possesses the cognomen as "The Man With 1,000 Faces."

I recall one night in Niagara Falls when Henning had faced a rough, tough opponent who insisted on tying him up in such a fashion that he could hardly move. Here he was tied up securely and just did not know what to do next to escape his predicament. He looked down at a ringsider in the first row who was laughing at Henning and the Bulldog remarked. "Yeah, you're laughing at me, but tell me. . .what would you do if you were in my position?"

The spectator thought for a moment and then said, "By the looks of things about the only thing you can do is to give up." But, did Henning take his advice? To the contrary, he squirmed and wiggled loose from the hold and then went on to defeat his tormentor, to the plaudits of the surprised crowd. Henning then looked at the fan who had laughed at him and said, "You have just seen that nothing is impossible because I have just hooked another victory to my belt." The fans stopped laughing and gave him full credit for his triumph.

On another occasion in Buffalo, N.Y., it was a cold February night and Henning came into the ring with full regalia from top to bottom. Looking over the crowd he noticed the fans giving him the ha-ha! He looked at the fans in the first row and said, "You people don't appreciate the nicer



"Whipper Billy" Watson, two-time world champion, a star performer for over a quarter of a century.

things in life. . .I just got this outfit from Dior" and the fans yowled for several minutes.

Another comical bit which Henning can portray with the eclat of a seasoned performer involves seven college lads. When he takes all seven parts it is a humorous gem that is bound to enliven any party or gathering. It is a situation that you have to see to fully appreciate and it certainly stamps Henning as one of the funniest lads in the wrestling business.

When you see him perform it brings home the fact that Henning could have been a huge success as a stand-up comic on TV. He may entertain that notion some day and he would be a success at it. I happened to be a guest once at a party at Crystal Beach, Canada, and when Henning put on his act he could rightfully be compared with such entertainers as Rodney Dangerfield, David Frye, Sid Caesar, Groucho Marx and others in the comedy category.

All you can say about an individual who can give you laughs in these hectic days is that he is worth his weight in gold and 245 pounds of the yellow stuff would amount to a small fortune. That is Lee (Bulldog) Henning in a nutshell. He can make you smile just by looking at him. And that is a talent that is priceless.

Yes, the vagaries of pro wrestling are varied and many. Sometimes to break the tension of a match, a wrestler will come up with a comical bit which he has contrived to make the customers laugh. It brings to my mind another lad who gave the fans many laughs. He is Dancing Dick Nelson.

Before instructions by the referee, Nelson enters the ring and he is perpetual motion. He struts a dance to the tune of "Tea For Two" and shuffles around the four sides of the ring keeping perfect time to the tune which is in his mind. He is oblivious to any one else, including his amazed opponent.

On one occasion Nelson's opponent was Pancho Lopez, a Mexican firebrand, who also possessed some eccentricities of his own. He stood and watched Nelson doing his dance routine for a couple of moments and then abruptly left the ring and went down and sat with fans in the first row to watch Nelson until he completed the performance. Ringsiders really got a kick out of that gesture, and it made a pleasant evening all around.

Nelson's fame as a dancing wrestler was given wide publicity. So much so that he was invited as a guest to Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. Carson, in a sly manner, asked Nelson if wrestling was really on the up-and-up or rehearsed in any way. Nelson jumped into action but when he wanted to demonstrate a body-slam on Carson in the studio the latter called a halt and was ready to believe what Nelson had told him about the business. **(to be continued)** ♦ ♦ ♦

M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I SPELLS ACTION

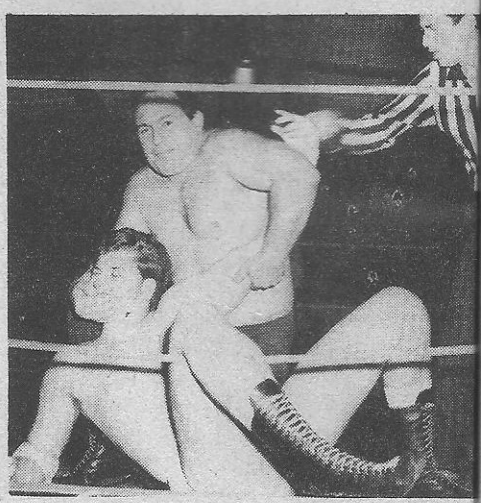
State is fast becoming one of the top wrestling hotbeds of the Southland...

BY KIMBERLY THOMAS

The very successful promotional team of Herman and Jean Sheffield.

Popular with the Delta fans are "Gentleman Ben" and his trainer, Nick Adams.

Action was the by-word during this six-man tag war in Tupelo as Saul, Parente and Bobby Hart took on Hall, Golden and Sonny King.



Gentleman Saul and Lorenzo Parente gang up on Dennis Hall and Bill Golden in Baldwyn. The ref is Don Pruitt.

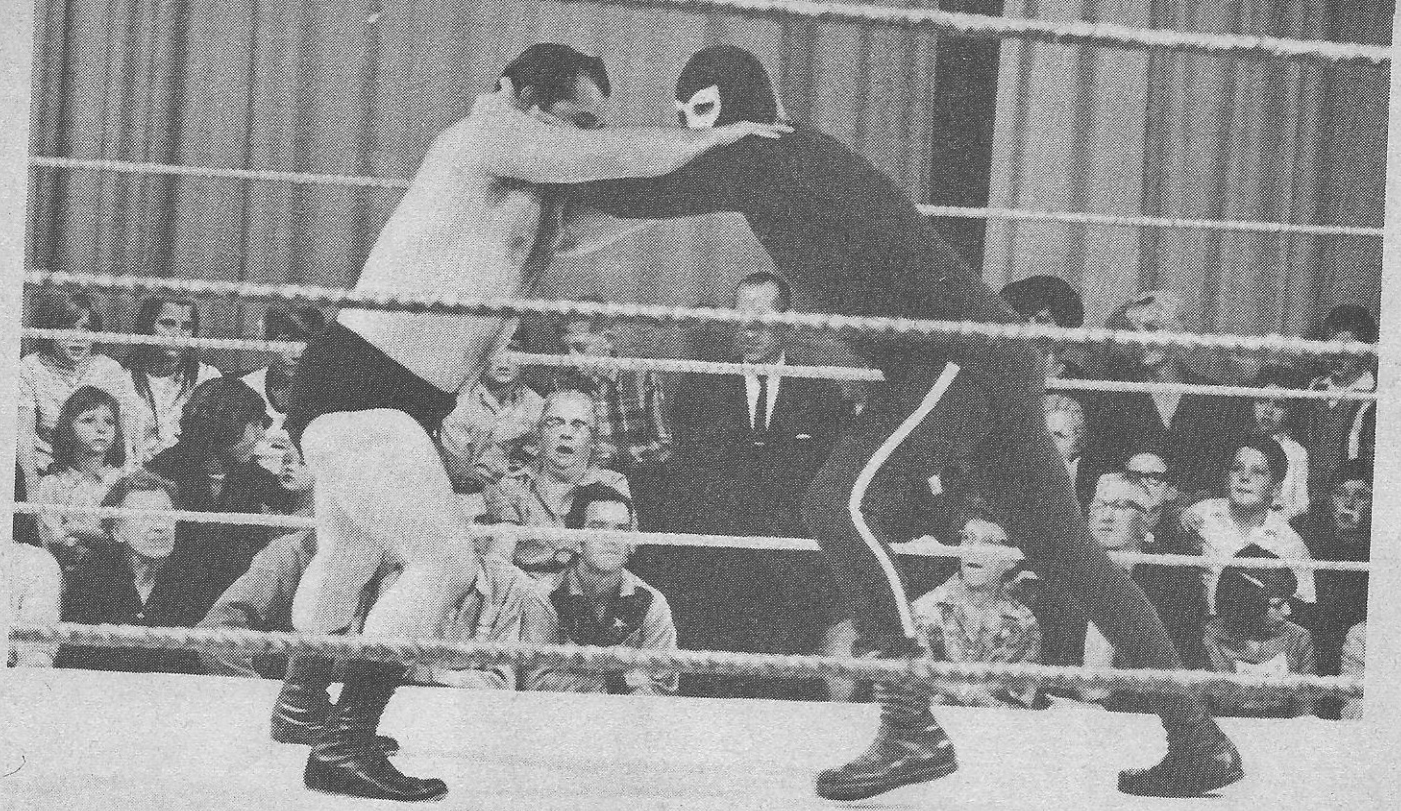
It takes two to tango" is an old axiom and it was never more true than in the case of wrestling fans and wrestlers. It not only takes great wrestlers, but the fans to support them, because no matter how great the wrestlers are, if they don't have the support of the fans they are nothing.

It also takes a great promoter to bring these two factors together and such a promoter is Herman Sheffield of Tupelo, Miss., who along with his lovely wife Jean has done and is continuing to do a wonderful job in bringing to the rabid wrestling fans of the great state of Mississippi top programs featuring the outstanding grapplers in the South.

Sheffield started promoting in conjunction with the very successful Nick Gulas-Roy Welsh duo last year in the city of Tupelo. The promotions were a success from the outset and since then Herman and Jean have expanded with regular shows in New Albany, Batesville, Baldwyn and Fulton, Mississippi along with spot shows in a number of other towns in the "Cotton" state.

Arenas where there had been no wrestling for years, and it was up to the Sheffields to rekindle the interest of the fans and getting them tuned in and turned on for wrestling. It was no easy task but they did it by the very simple method of giving the fans more than their monies' worth.

Show after show featured such top stars Len Rossi, "Gentleman Saul," Lorenzo Parente & Bobby Hart, Bearcat Brown, Jackie Fargo, Jerry Jarrett, Tojo Yamamoto, Don and Al Greene, Dr. Deaths #1 and 2; The Alaskans, Oni Wiki Wiki, Big Bad John, Karl & Kurt Von Brauner, Ann Casey, Dennis Hall, Bill Golden, Bob Hamby, Jerry Lawler, Mack York, Rocky Monteria, Hans Mortier, Omar

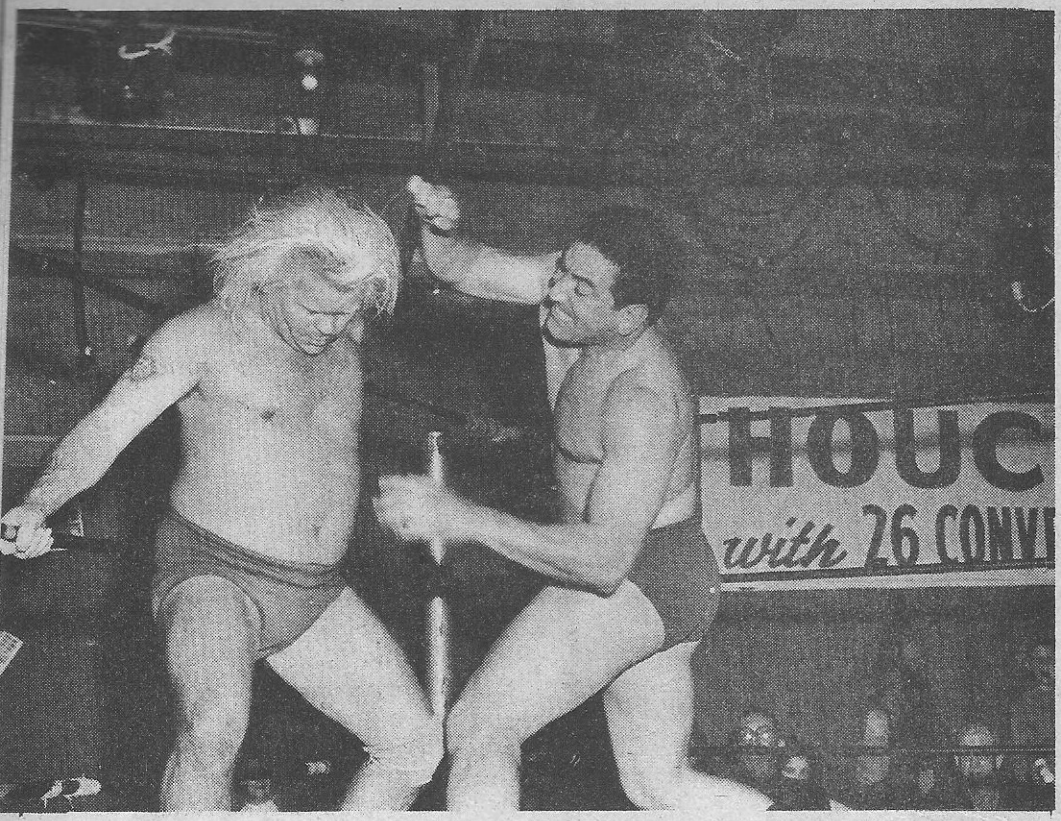


Old meanie Dr. Death works on Jerry Lawler (above) in Batesville and Bob Hamby (below) in Tupelo.

Atlas, Nick Adams and many others.

So you can see that with names such as these headlining his cards Sheffield went all out to bring the BEST to his customers. They responded by turning out in ever increasing numbers in each of the towns for each succeeding show.

As we mentioned previously, in some of these towns they had not had wrestling for many years, and a whole new generation of fans had to be created. It was memorable clashes like those between Rossi & Brown vs. Parente & Hart; The Von Brauners vs. Jarrett & Yamamoto; Golden & Hall



Fans in Fulton enjoyed watching Mack Yorke get belted by Rocky Monteria.

Hans Mortier works on Omar Atlas during their clash in Baldwyn.

vs. Parente & Hart; Lawler vs. Dr. Death; Atlas vs. Mortier that had the fans who had attended the matches spreading the word to their family and friends and creating new fans each week, so that now almost every show is a sellout.

The great wrestling shows are fast making Mississippi one of the top wrestling states, not only in the Southland but in the United States.

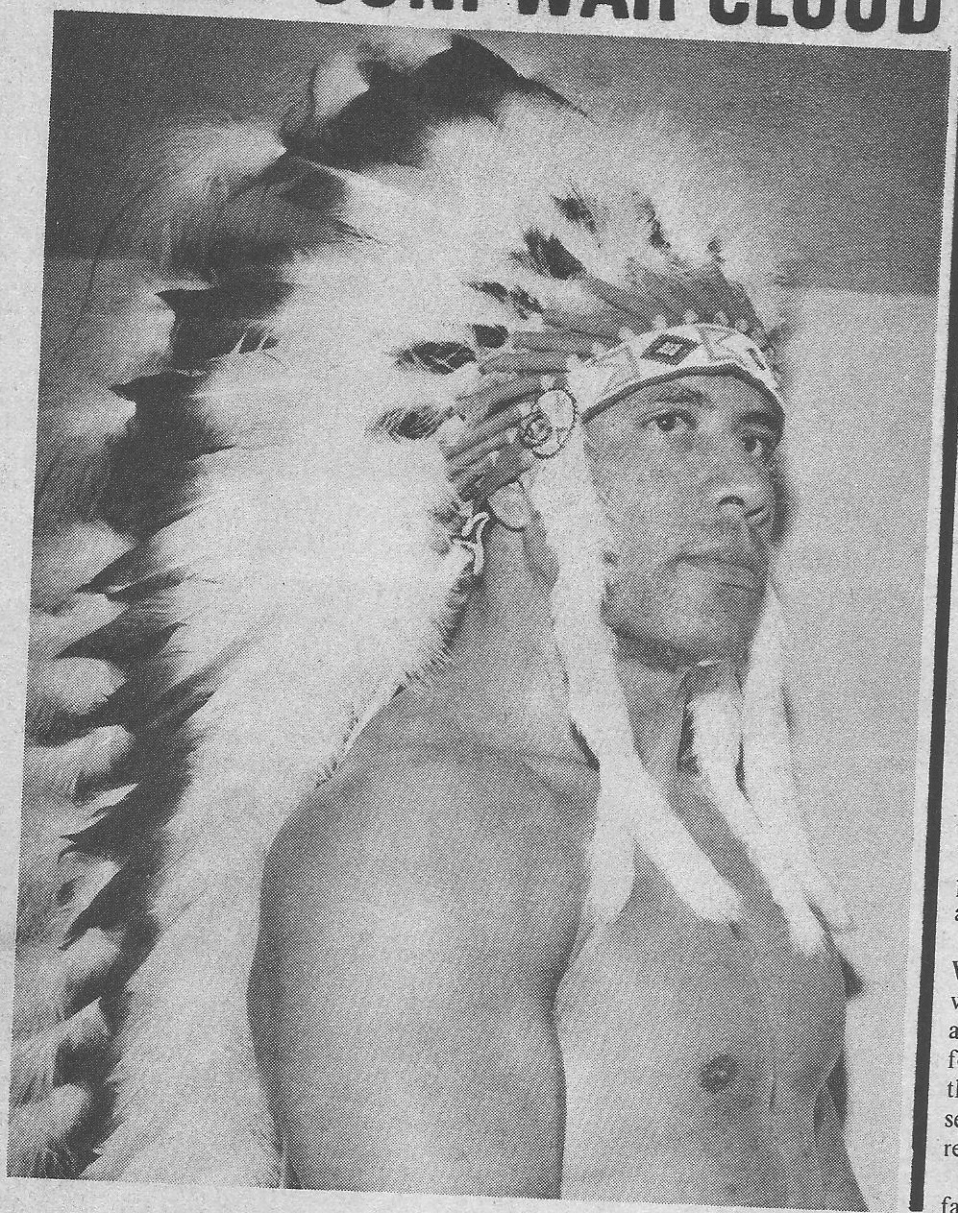
When we asked promoter Sheffield if he felt he had reached the peak. He said: "I don't think so. Just as long as I give the fans what they want, and I will continue to bring them only top stars, they will continue to turn out in larger numbers."

Herman went on to say: "In speaking to the wrestlers, I find that they want to come to Mississippi to wrestle because they feel the excitement of the crowd and it makes them try harder to please the fans."

This is true. We have heard it from many wrestlers. The mood of the crowd is transmitted to the wrestlers. The more noise and more enthusiasm shown by the crowd, the better the action provided by the wrestlers.

So you see it does take two—great fans and great wrestlers, and thanks to a great promoter like Herman Sheffield it is no wonder that M-i-s-s-i-s-s-i-p-p-i spells ACTION. ♦♦

MEET SUNI WAR CLOUD



War Cloud is a regal-looking warrior.

Born in Mexico - he is half Aztec - half Yaqui

BY JOHN GREENSMITH

SAN DIEGO–Clutching a hot dog in one hand while quaffing a beer with the other, the big guy sitting ringside at The Coliseum bowed his neck to bellow at Suni War Cloud, "Hey, you phony Indian, why don't you go back to your taco stand in Mexico?"

War Cloud stared long and hard at the loud fan, moved towards him and then thought better of it and instead took his anger out on his opponent, Japan's Mr. Siato. . much to the delight of the fans and chagrin of the heckler.

Later in the dressing room, War Cloud reflected on the incident: "You know for a moment that guy almost had me ready to belt him one in his big mouth! But I thought about how I could become involved in a lawsuit and perhaps finish my career and it didn't seem worth it just to get even.

"It does upset me when someone questions my Indian background, though. Yes, I was born in Mexico but I am more Indian than just about anyone you can name in the wrestling profession. My father is of the Yaqui tribe and my mother is an Aztec Indian. That makes me about as authentic an Indian as one can get. . .and I'm proud of it!"

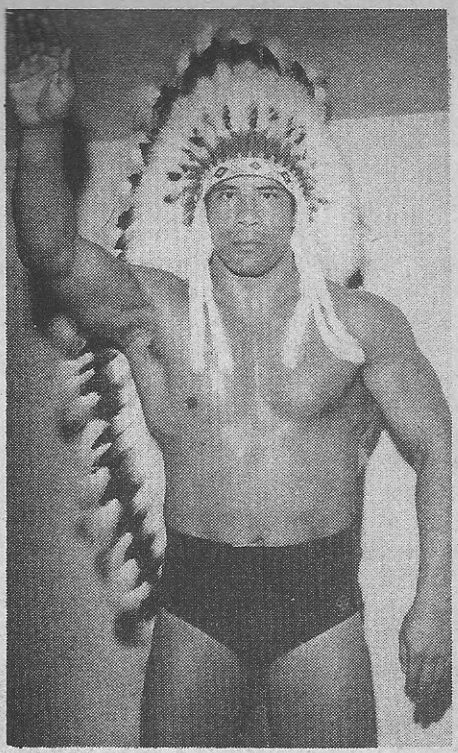
His anger removed, the popular grappler from south of the border revealed that as one of seven boys in his family he learned to fend for himself at an early age. In high school he excelled in sports, particularly soccer and long-distance-running. He was good enough in soccer to play professionally for three years in and around Mexico City.

Drafted into the Mexican Army, War Cloud was first attracted to wrestling as he watched amateur bouts at the base where he was being trained for his year in the military. "I liked the action and challenge wrestling seemed to offer, so I gave it a try," he recalled.

In addition to becoming a pretty fair amateur wrestler during his Army days, Suni War Cloud competed in a number of 25-kilometer running events, excelling in this grueling sport to the extent he won two national titles while in competition against more than 100 runners.

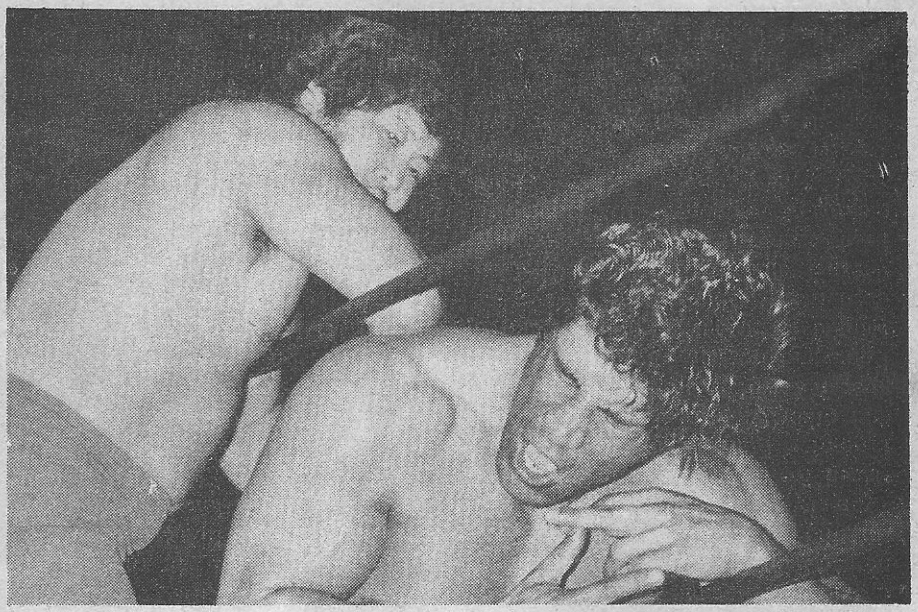
Once out of the service, War Cloud decided to pursue wrestling further and looked around for someone to expand his knowledge of the sport. He found that person in Gonzalo Avendano of Mexico City, an excellent and respected teacher of the ancient activity. He soon impressed his teacher with a gift for the sport and began to make progresss in the 175-pound amateur competition.

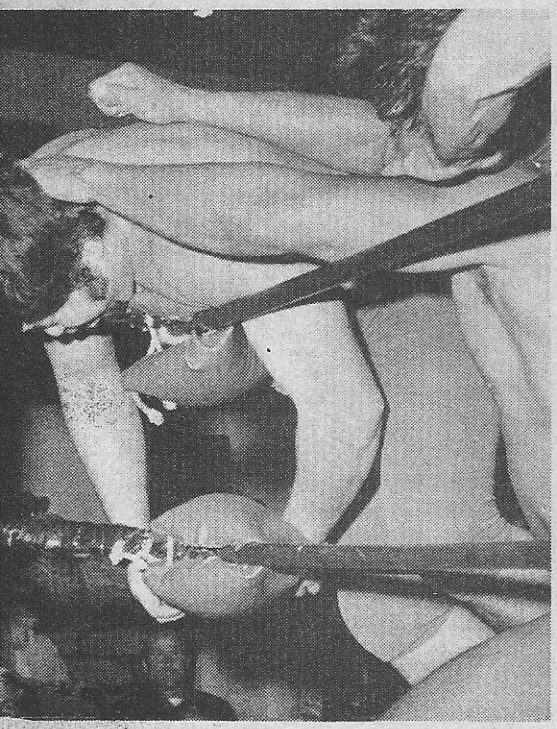
As he improved under Avendano's teaching, War Cloud expanded his weight to 225 pounds, distributed evenly over a 6 foot 2 inch frame. The



The Mexican-born grappler is a descendant of ancient Indian tribes.

It was "chop, chop" as War Cloud and Mr. Saito traded chops, the Japanese using a Judo Chop (below) after sampling Suni's Tomahawk chop (above).





Enraged by the foul tactics employed by Saito, War Cloud drove his rival into a corner and worked him over real good.

added poundage came about through a series of muscle-building exercises and a weight-gaining diet prescribed by Avendano.

In 1961, War Cloud and his instructor decided it was time for the young Mexican Indian to try his ability in the ranks of the professionals.

Almost overnight his ability and colorful style in the ring made him a popular addition to wrestling in Mexico City. As his wins increased so did offers to perform elsewhere and he embarked on a successful tour of Central and South America.

War Cloud captured the heavyweight wrestling championship of Mexico in 1965 and along with the title caught the attention of promoters in the United States who made tempting financial offers. So, four years ago he came across the border to join the ranks of others from Mexico who have made it big wrestling in the United States. . .Black Guzman, Mil Mascaras, Rito Romero, Black Gordman, Gorilla Ramos and the Torres brothers just to mention a few.

Asked to compare professional wrestling in America and Mexico, War Cloud thought for a moment and then stated: "Well, it's faster in Mexico but tougher in the United States because the Americans are for the most part bigger and wrestle rougher. But the money is better over here so that helps to make up for the lumps someone my size will take at times."

Although he hasn't had any broken bones as yet, War Cloud has had his share of bruises, sprains, and cuts. The

knees, ribs and ankles seem to be most susceptible to his style of wrestling.

"I never wear shoes in the ring since I feel going barefoot makes me faster and more agile," War Cloud noted. "Since I am usually outweighed, I have to rely on my movements, intelligence and speed to win," he added.

When he doffs his colorful Indian headdress, War Cloud is all business in the ring and a man with the knowledge of many holds. He admits to having picked up techniques from just about every wrestler he has gone against but has refined the assorted moves to a style of his own. He uses a hold labeled "The Yaqui" that is his submission weapon. When used by War Cloud, the hold finds him sitting astride his prone opponent with the victim's legs crossed over and his weight bearing down on the limbs. Few can take this treatment for too long.

War Cloud is exceptionally fast afoot in the squared circle and can prove frustrating to catch for a bigger but slower opponent. He employs an accurate flying dropkick and other acrobatic maneuvers (often off the ropes) to his advantage. He has strong arms and legs and is particularly dangerous when angered. Fans have come to recognize the breaking point in War Cloud's makeup has been reached when he starts a rapid, shuffling dance and unleashes rougher tactics such as head butts or his tomahawk chop to the neck.

What are Suni War Cloud's plans for the future? "Well, I'd like to bring a world wrestling title home to Mexico. I have a brother (Juan) who is a respected bicycle racer and another (Antonio) who was a good professional boxer. So, now it's up to me to follow in their footsteps and bring additional honor to my country and my family."

War Cloud hopes to wrestle soon in the Orient and in Europe to complete his global grappling experiences. "I'm doing what I want to do, making good money, seeing much of the world, meeting interesting people and still enjoy my profession. What else could one want out of life?," is the way this popular young wrestler expressed his viewpoint.

Wrestling has been good to Suni War Cloud and he in turn has been a welcome and colorful addition to the sport.

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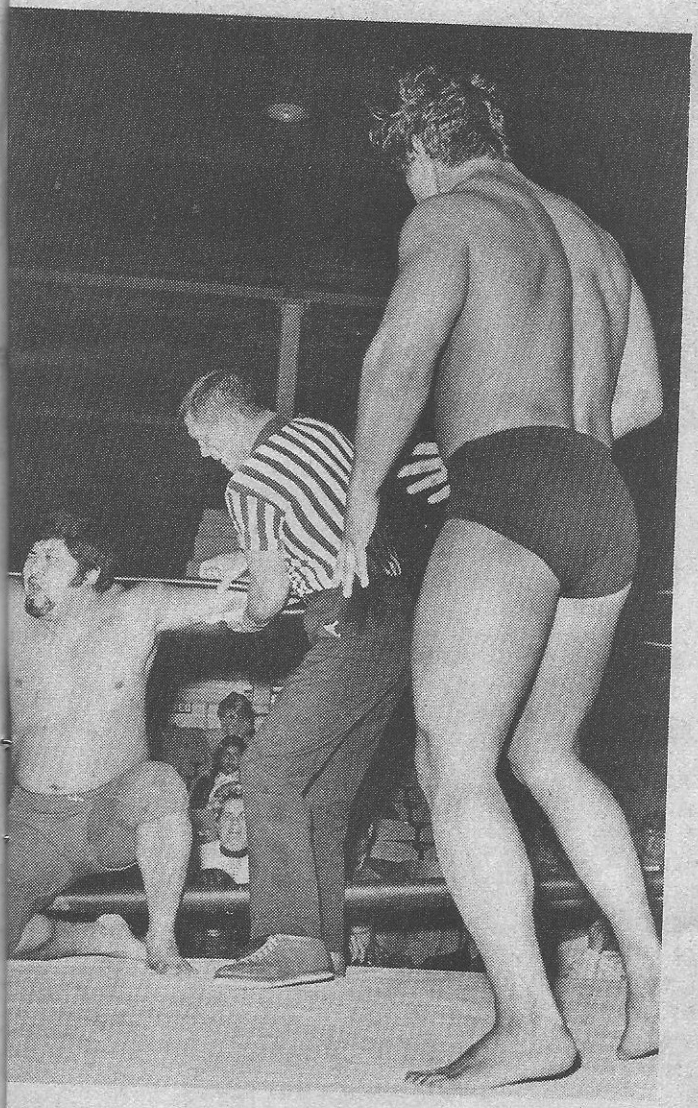
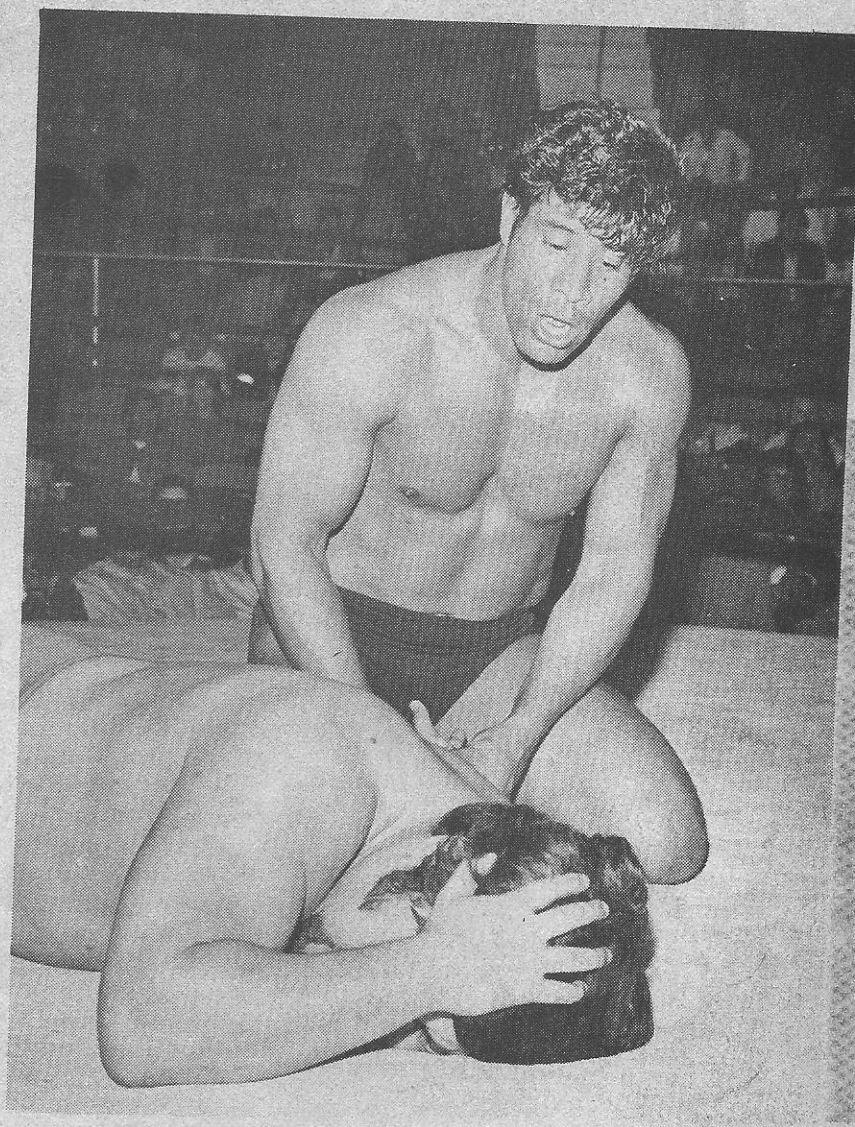
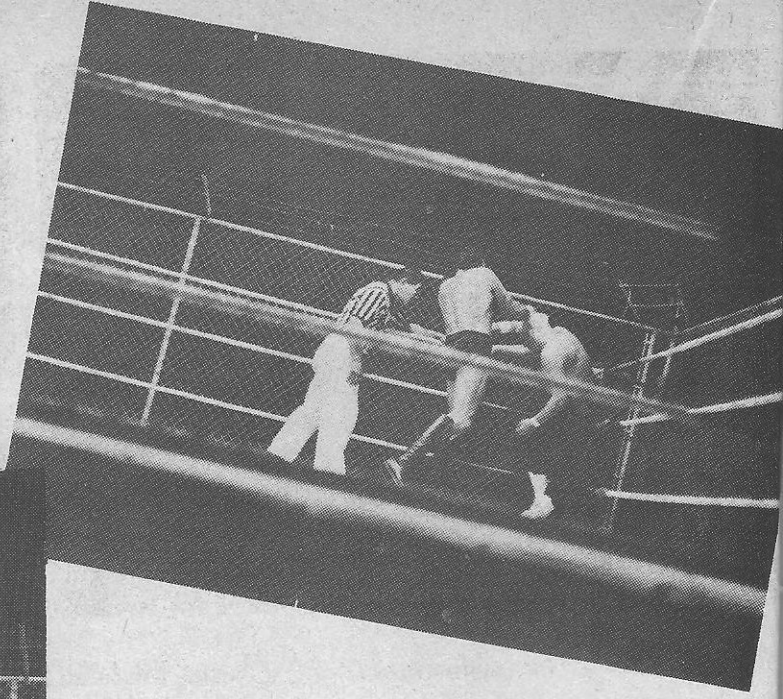


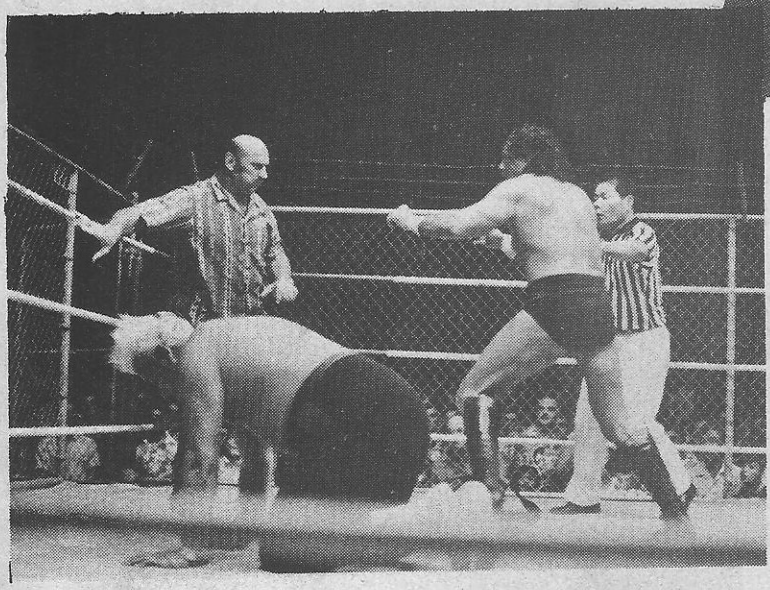


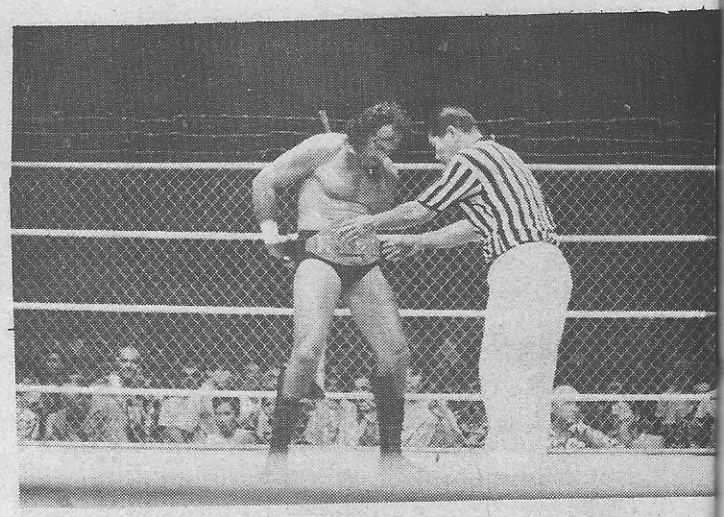
The action was fast and furious between War Cloud and Saito, and the referee, "Red Shoes" Dugan, had a hard time keeping order.

ACTION IN HAWAII

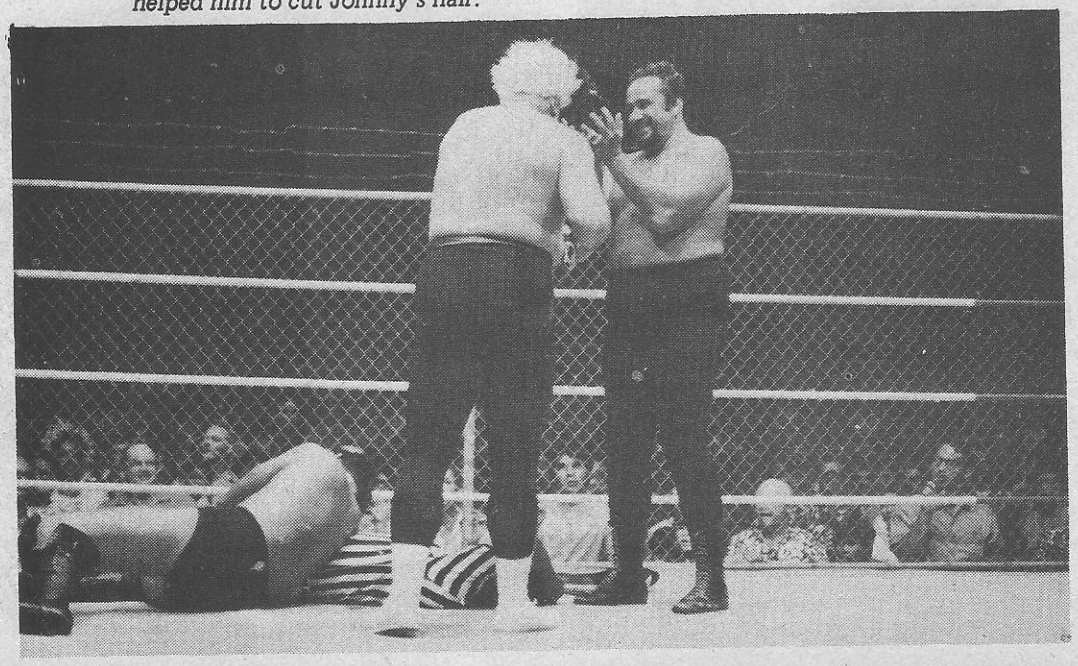
BY GEORGE BEPPU

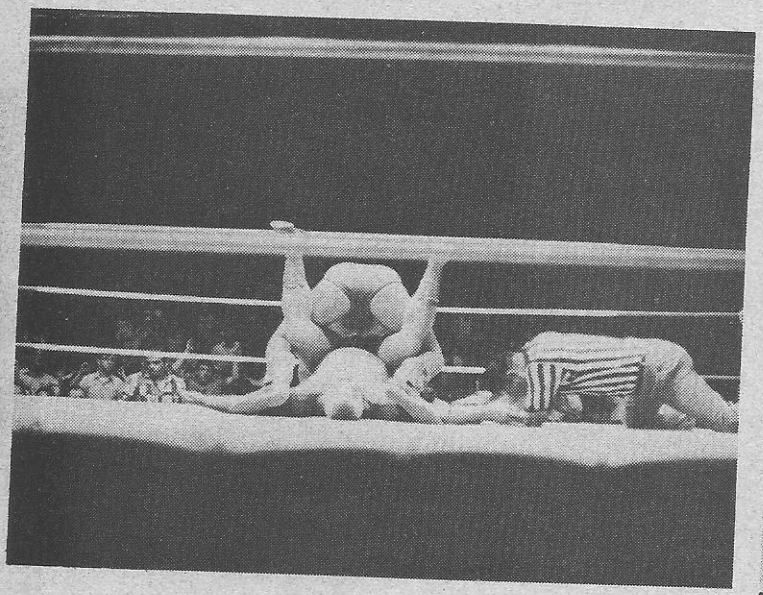


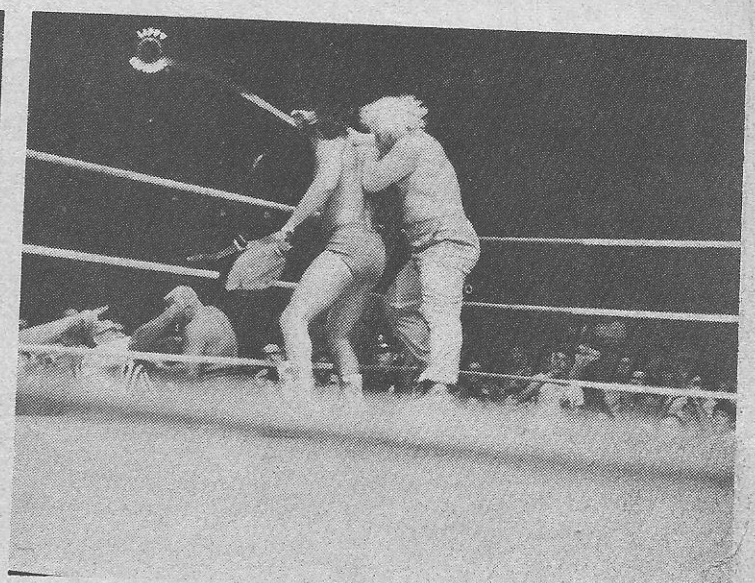




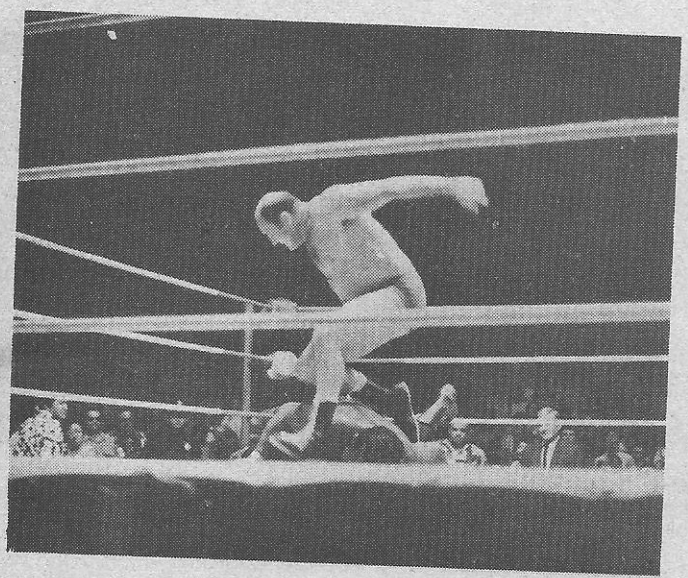
Johnny Barend defeated Ripper Collins despite an attempt from the Russian Wolfman to aide Collins, but Ripper had the last laugh when Curtis Iaukea helped him to cut Johnny's hair.



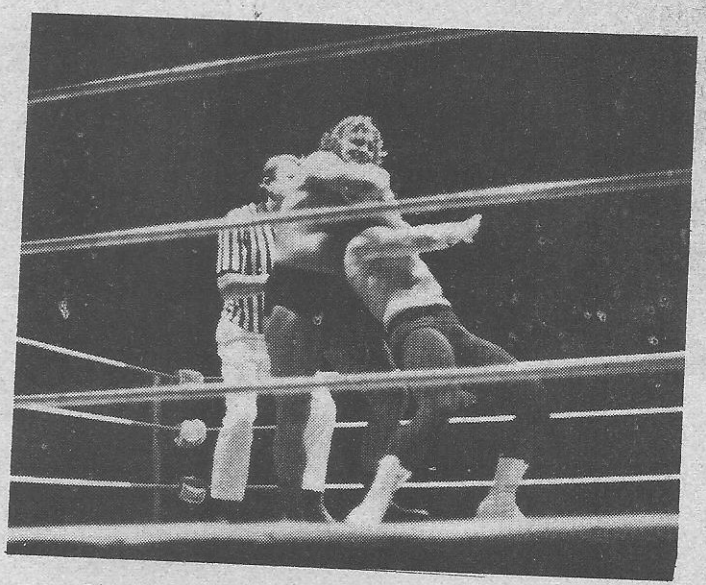




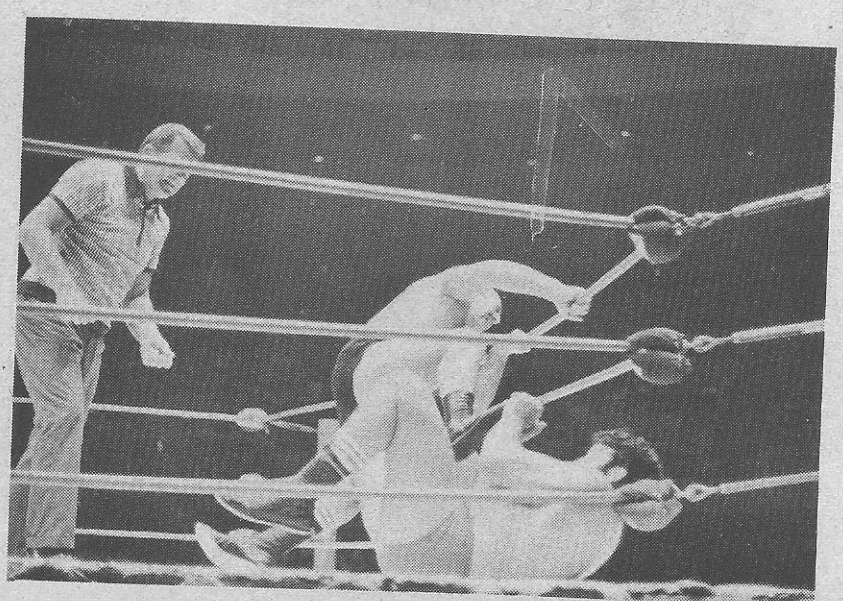
Mad Lonnie Mayne attacks Cowboy Frankie Lane after Lane had defeated Ripper Collins to win the Hawaiian belt.



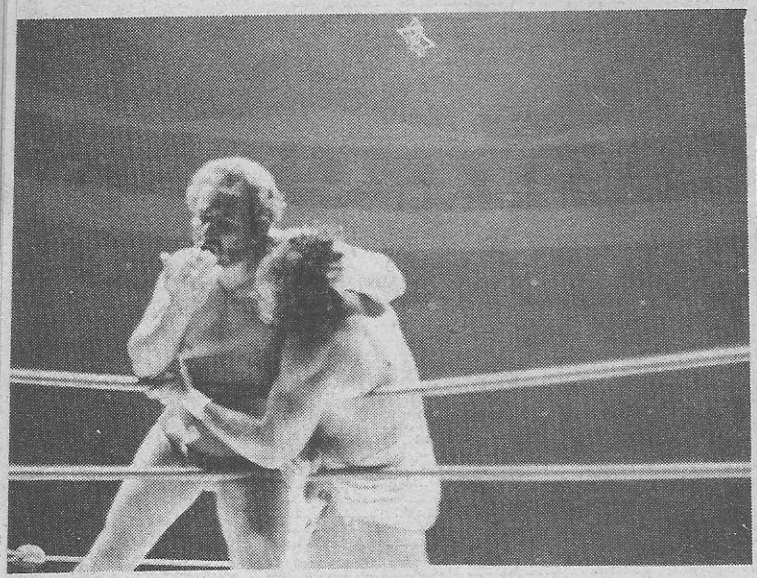
Verne Gagne used a "knee-drop" to flatten Curtis Iaukea.

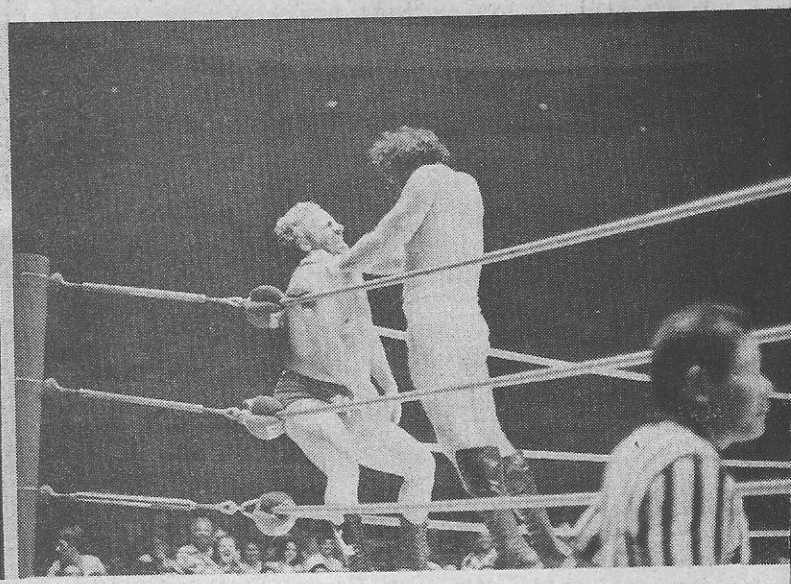


Dale Lewis put Beaureguarde to "sleep."

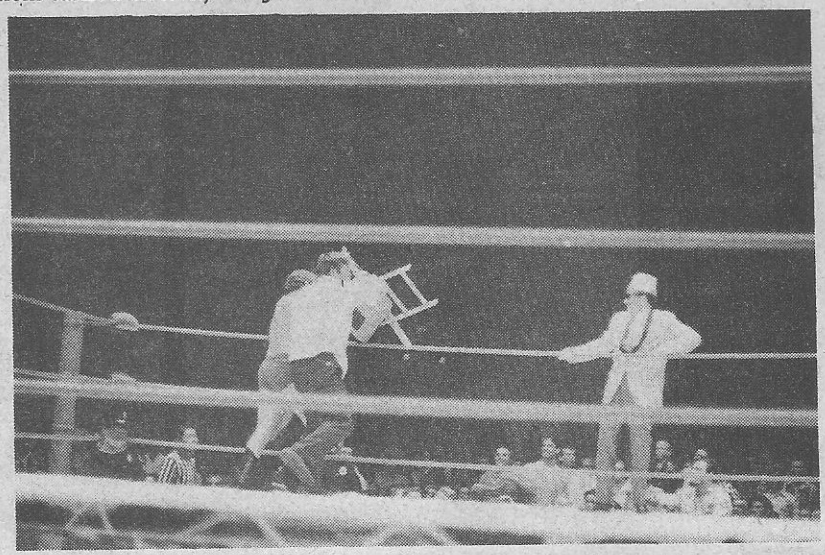


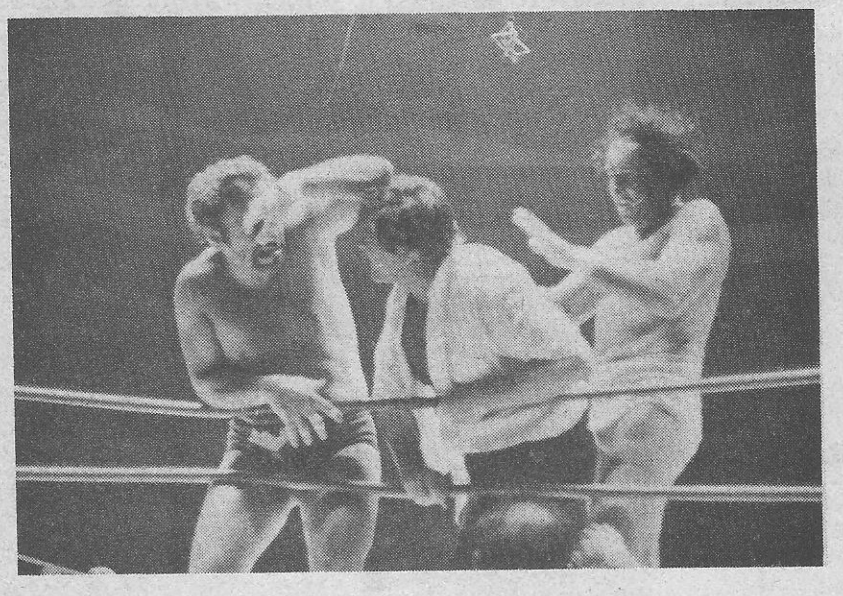
European Champion Bill Robinson got himself stomped by The Russian Wolfman.





The bloody battle between The Sheik and Barend got out of hand and promoter Ed Francis tried to stop the match, but both Barend and The Sheik turned on him, using a chair as well as their fists as weapons.

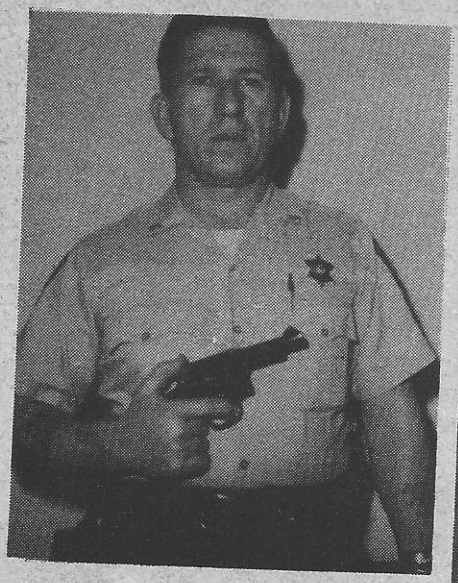




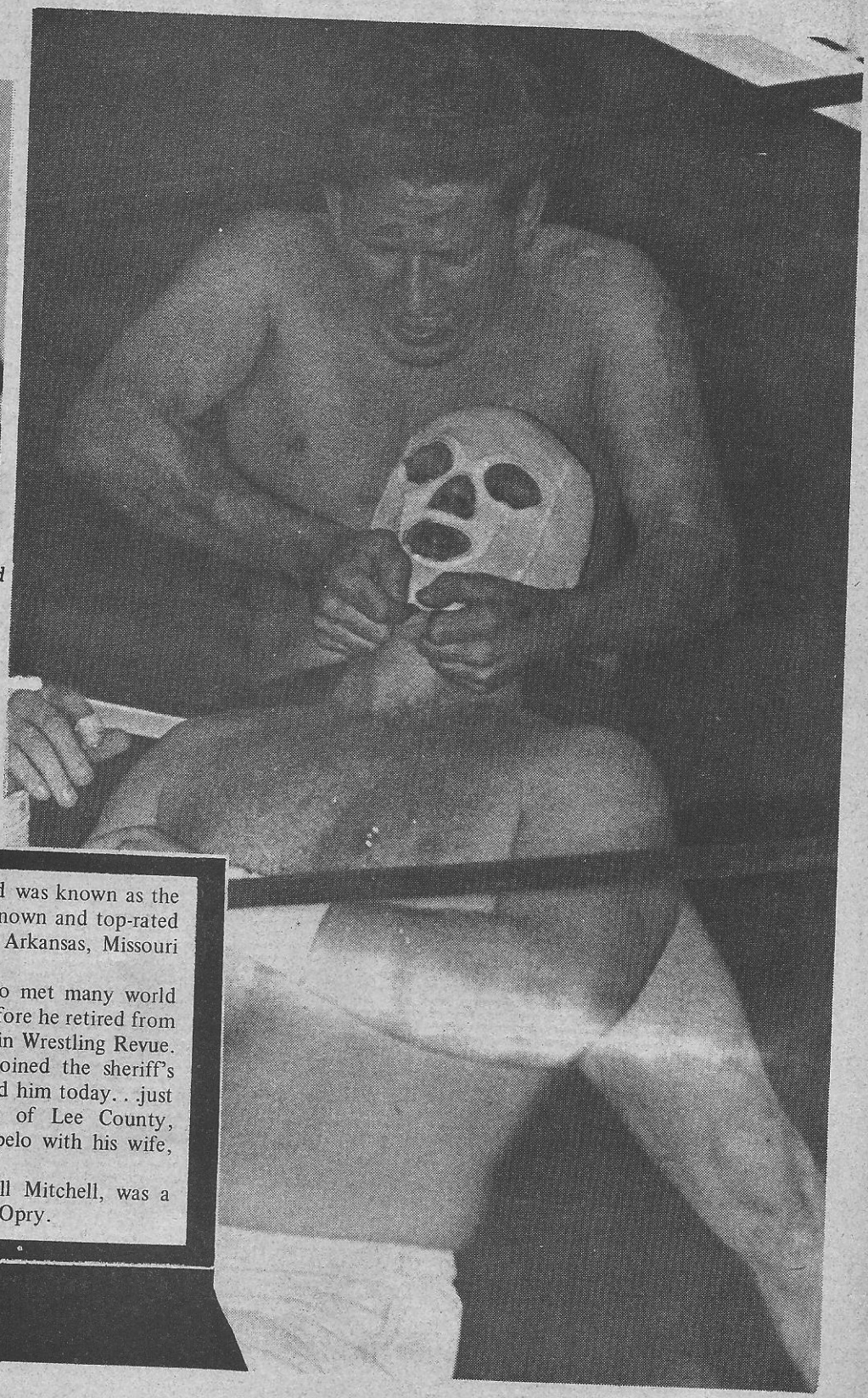
WHERE IS HE TODAY?.....

BY "GENTLEMAN SAUL"

BOB ARNOLD



Bob today is kept busy keeping law and order in Louisville, Ky.



In his wrestling days, Bob Arnold was known as the Tupelo Kid, and he was a well-known and top-rated wrestler around Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

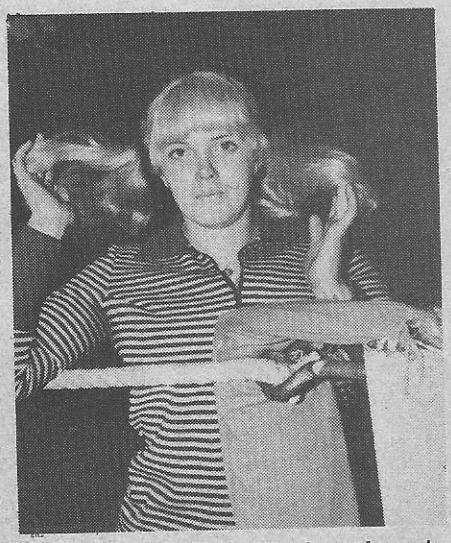
He was a rough, tough wrestler who met many world champs. In the fall of 1969, shortly before he retired from the mat, there was a big story on Bob in Wrestling Revue.

When Bob hung up his tights he joined the sheriff's department, and, that's where you'll find him today. . just ask for Deputy Sheriff Bob Arnold of Lee County, Mississippi. He makes his home in Tupelo with his wife, Wanda.

Incidentally, Bob's boss, Sheriff Bill Mitchell, was a famous fiddle player with the Grand Ole Opry.

Bob was a rough one during his active wrestling days.

MITZI MUELLER-



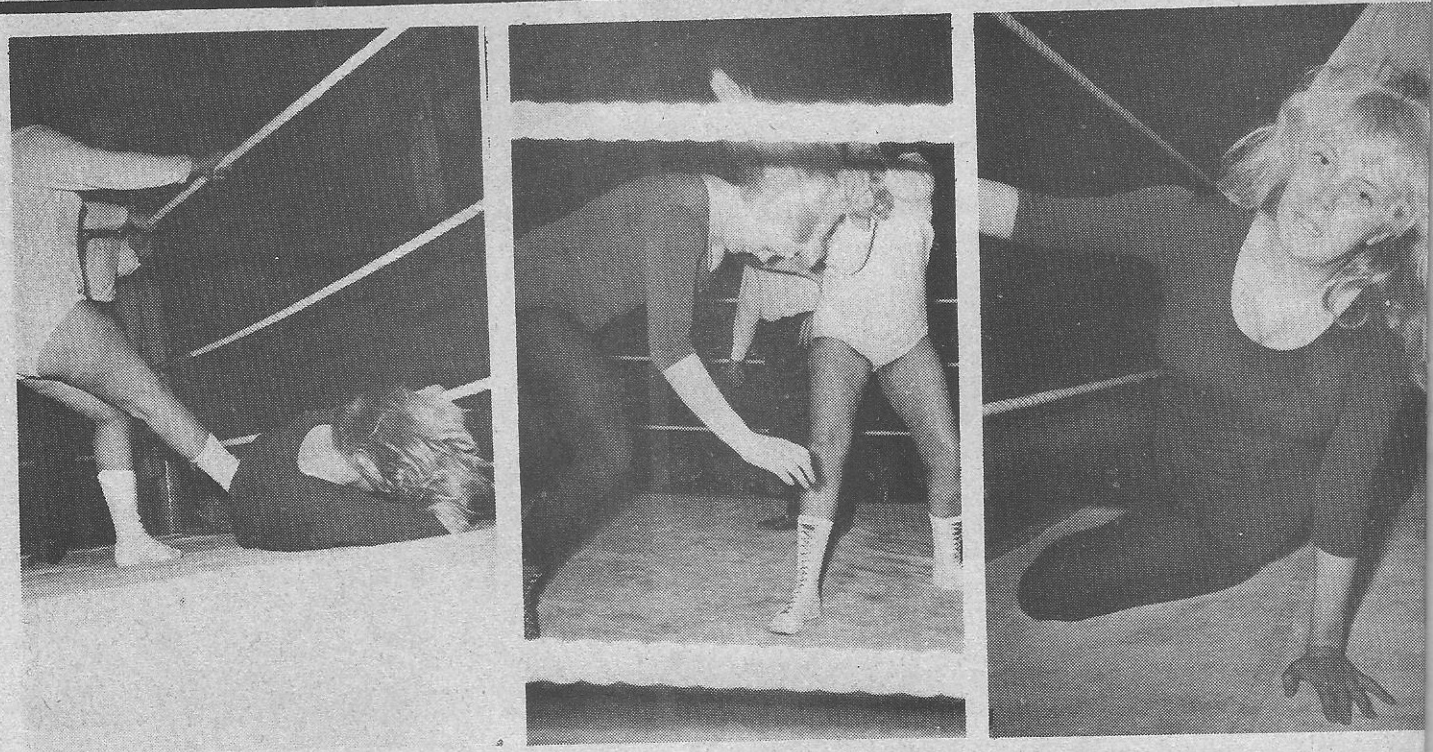
Mitzi relaxes after a hard workout in the gym. The Blonde Bomber looks anything but a wrestler in street garb.

Mitzi is the European Ladies Champ, or so she claims, and she stands ready to take on anyone who disputes her.

THE BLONDE BOMBER...

Germany's Gift to British Wrestling Is an Exciting Attraction

BY BRIAN DIXON



There was action galore as Mitzi and Nancy Barton slugged it out. "Naughty Nancy" gave Mitzi a rough time, but the Blonde Bomber came back to win.

Here I was in the dressing room of the British and European wrestling titleholder, intent on interviewing this famed wrestler, and for the first time in my five years as a wrestling journalist I found myself at a loss for words.

Let me explain. This was no ordinary, run-of-the-mill wrestler, all cauliflower ears and muscles and bruises.

Instead, what I saw was long, flowing blonde hair, a 44-24-36 figure, and a very short mini-skirt. Perhaps you can understand why I was stuck for words trying to interview Mitzi Muller.

Mitzi, who recently was voted the most popular of the women wrestlers in a popularity poll, has been in the game for the past seven years. Born in Germany, she engaged in her first professional wrestling contest at a mere 14 years of age, to my knowledge the youngest ever to enter the ring.

Her father was a pro wrestler and so were two of her uncles and a cousin, so I suppose wrestling was in the blood of this blonde bomber. Mitzi thanks her father for her success in wrestling. "Without Dad's help I would never have been able to manage," she commented.

Her father was in the arena that evening to watch Mitzi's match with Haggetty's Daughter. Whenever he can her father travels to the show with Mitzi, and he can usually be found cheering her on from a ringside seat.

"Mitzi can look after herself in and out of the ring," he said. I am very proud of her. Especially since she won the championship."

I asked Miss Mueller how long she planned to stay in Britain. She presently makes her home in Manchester, but she told me that she seldom manages to stay at home. Each week she travels hundreds or thousands of miles around the British Isles, Ireland and Scotland.

"And next month I go to Spain for a six-week tour, and from there straight to Turkey, then Italy and Malta for a short tour," she explained.

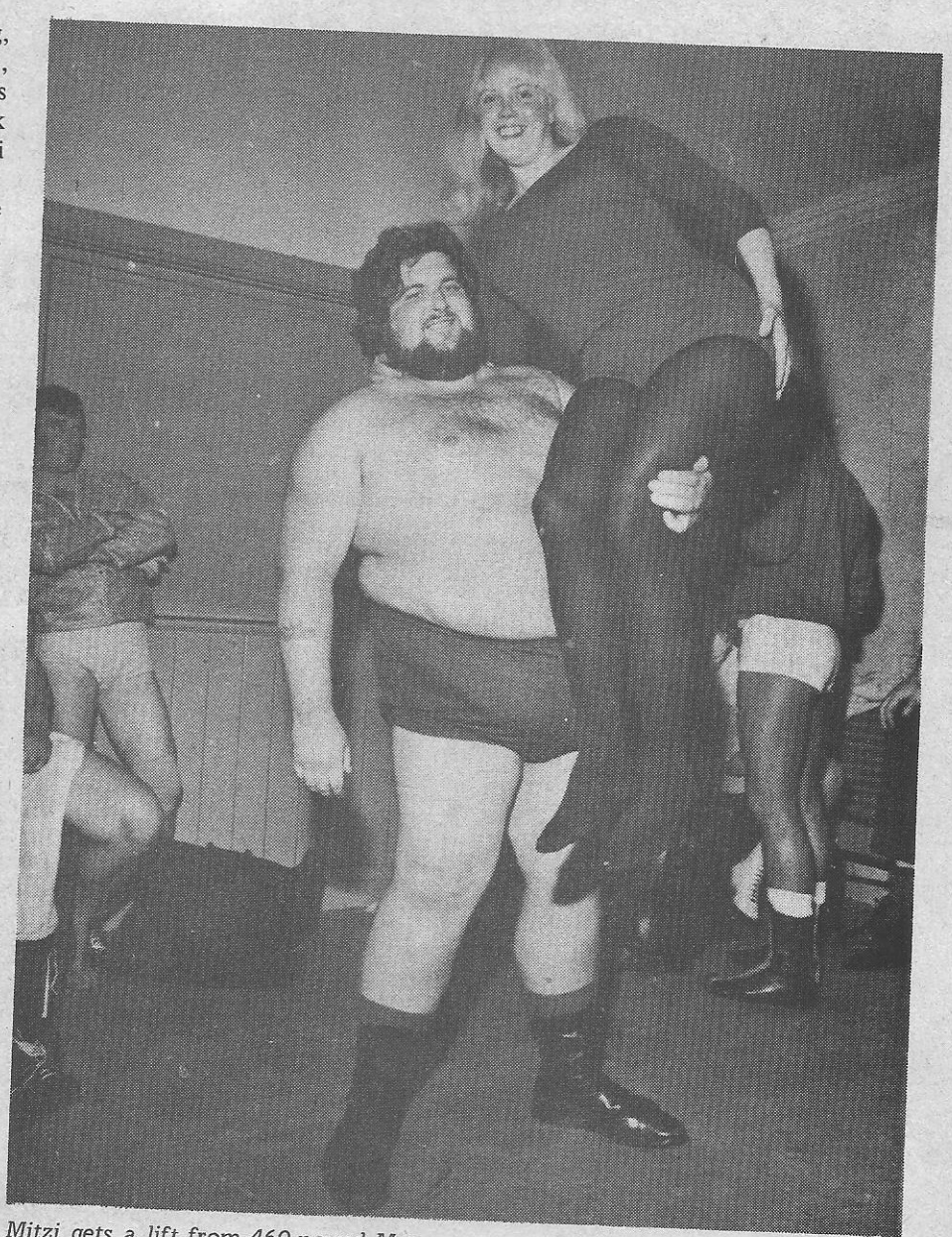
It has been much the same for the past seven years that she has been wrestling. She spent many months in Germany, and more time in Spain and Portugal. She is looking forward to a trip to France to defend her European title, and her ambition is to wrestle in the States.

In England she is under contract to the Wrestling Federation of Great Britain. Mitzi, unlike other women wrestlers, has no manager. She handles her own bookings.

She rates Naughty Nancy Barton and Lolita Loren on a par as the toughest opponents she has faced. She has met Miss Barton on several occasions, and says she is "without doubt one of the hardest wrestlers to beat." Of Lolita Loren she says, "She's a very experienced grappler with plenty of willpower."

Outside of the wrestling ring, Mitzi likes to forget all about the business and enjoy such hobbies as tenpin bowling, which she finds very relaxing, dancing, and playing fours, which she finds most enjoyable. Her many male fans will be delighted to learn that she's single, not even engaged. She's a pop music fan, enjoying the Beatles and Glen Campbell, among others.

A well-rounded girl, this Mitzi Mueller, and a delight to interview, as well as watch in the wrestling ring. ♦ ♦



Mitzi gets a lift from 460-pound Man Mountain Klondyke Bill.

FANS' CANDID CORNER

The increase in the number of photos being submitted for Candid Corner has really kept us hopping. We have received more entries for this contest than any other ever run by us. Keep them coming and remember: not only are there monthly winners, but each photo that is chosen as "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" becomes eligible for the "PHOTO OF THE YEAR" Award, a prize worth $25.00 dollars.

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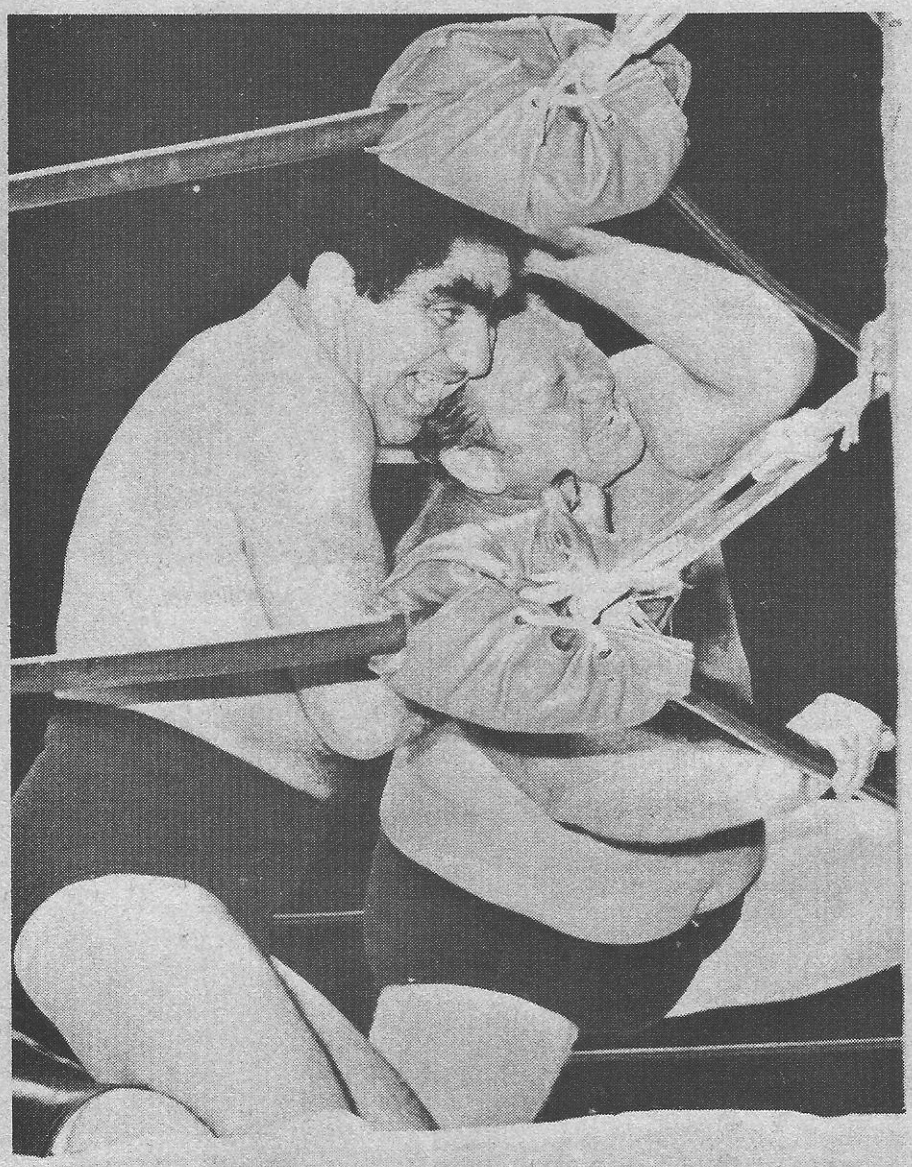
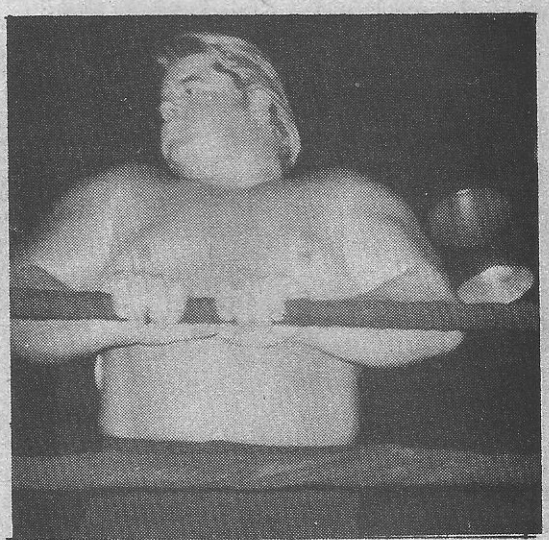


M. Casadei of Dearborn, Mich., takes first prize for the month with this action shot of Bull Curry belting Lou Klein.



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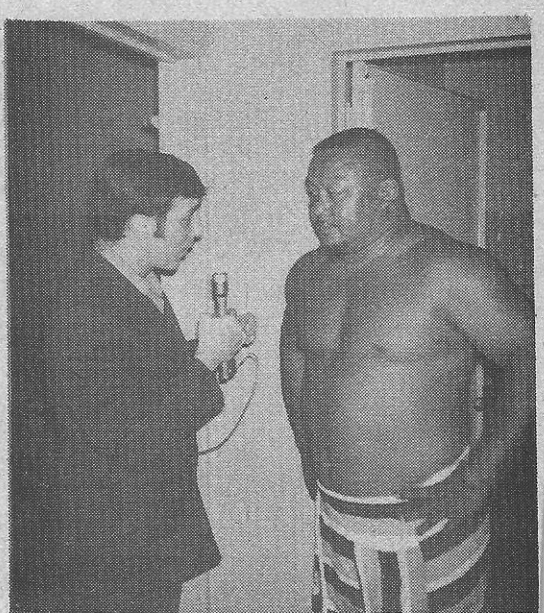

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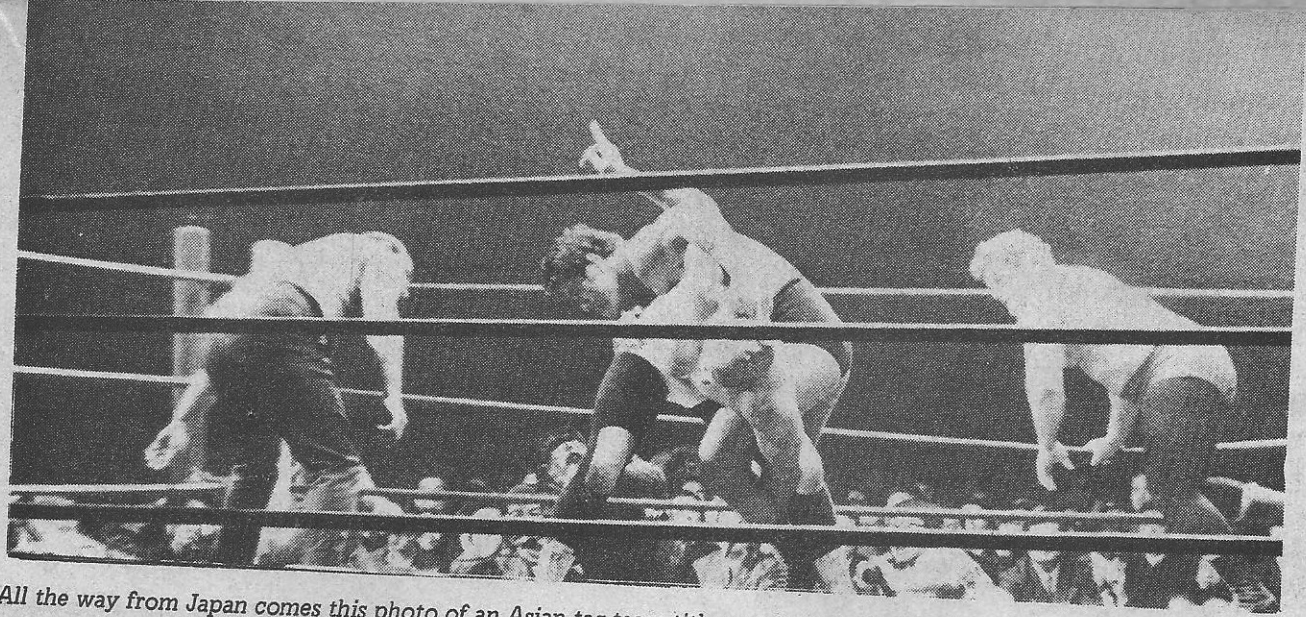
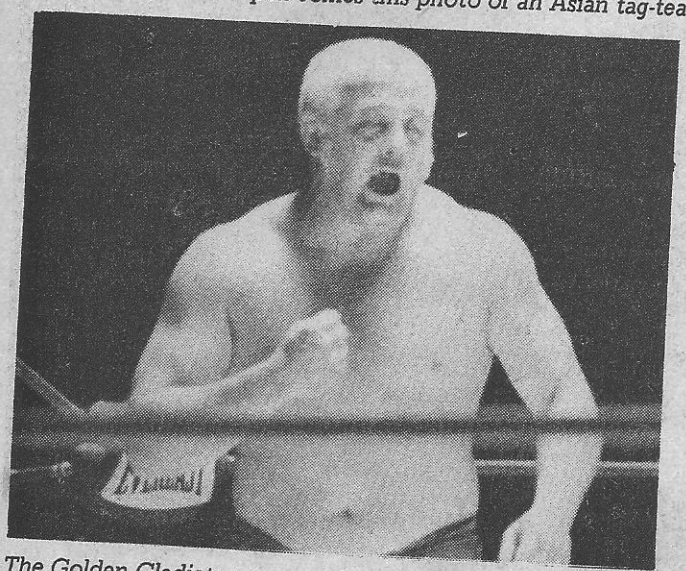
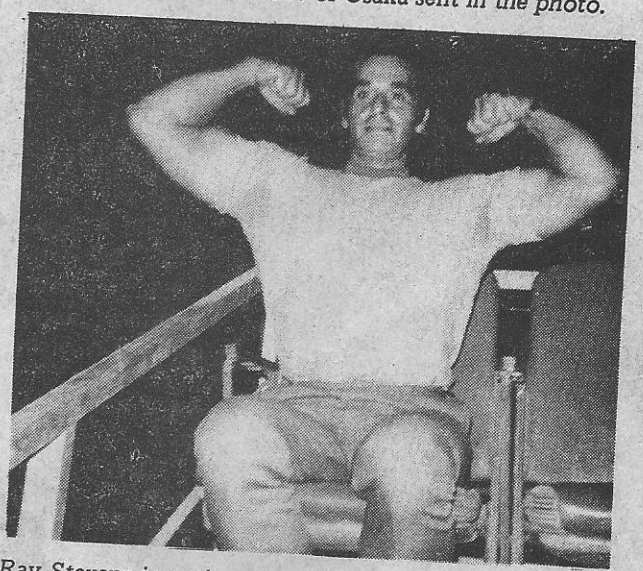


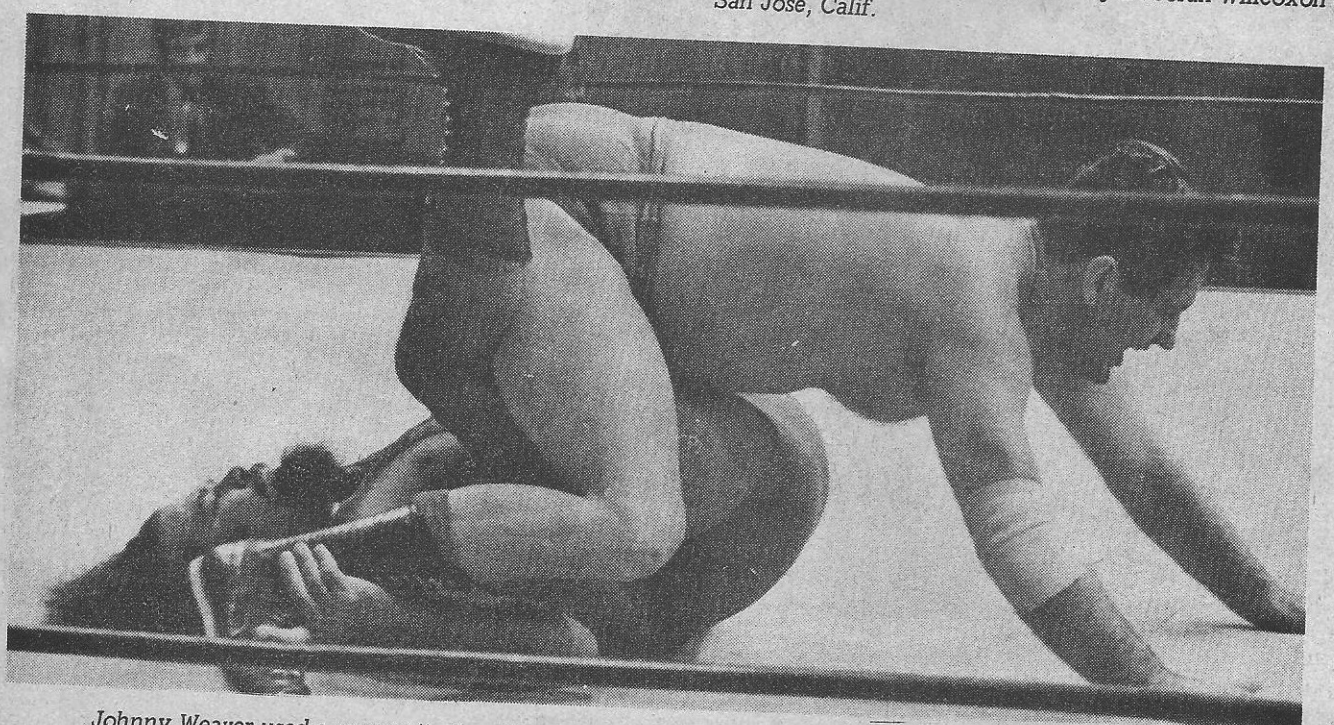
All the way from Japan comes this photo of an Asian tag-team title match. Takahiro Iwabe of Osaka sent in the photo.



The Golden Gladiator snapped by Tom Scott of Miami, Fla.



Ray Stevens in action-photo sent by Deborah Willcoxon of San Jose, Calif.

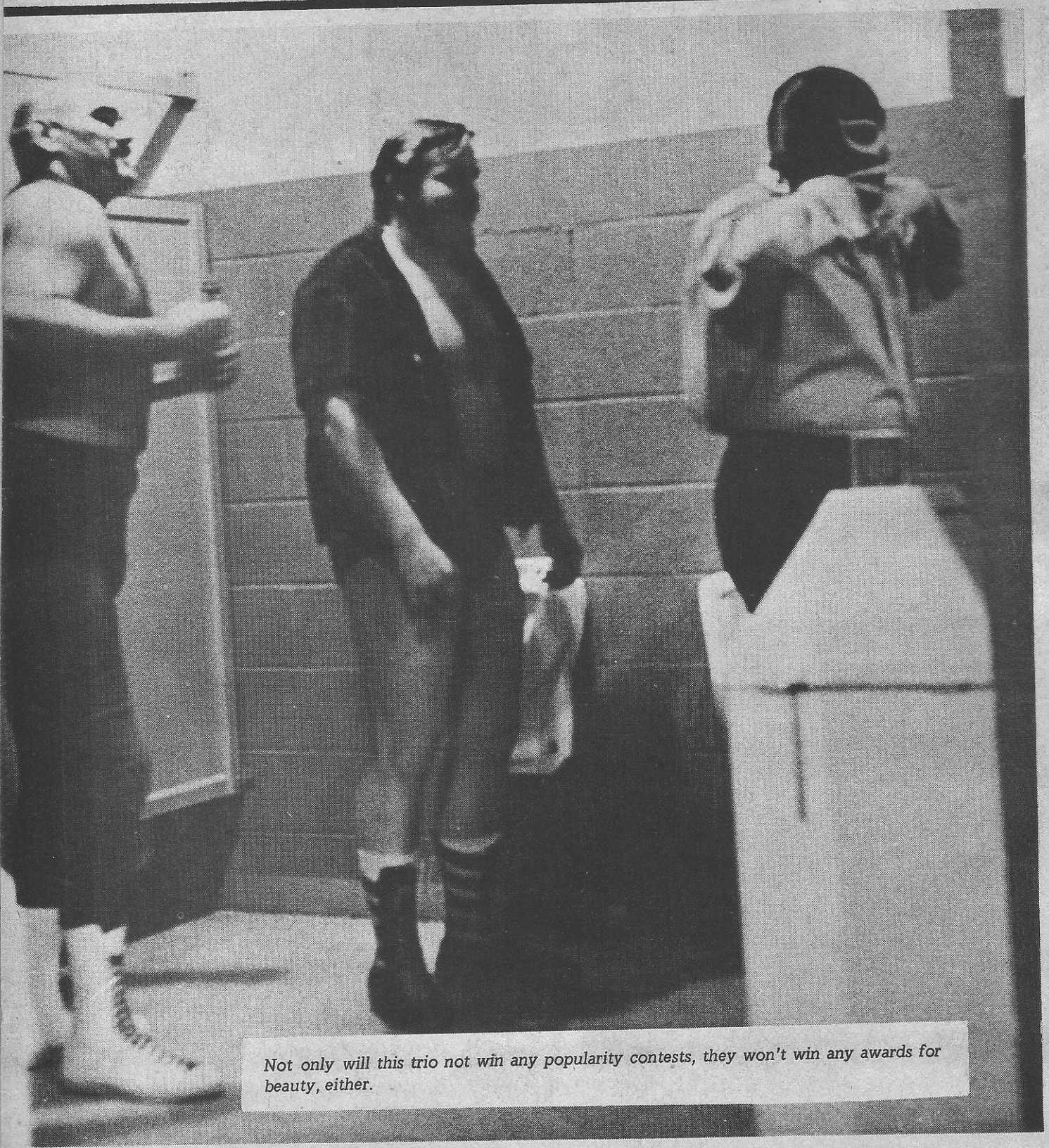


Johnny Weaver used a reverse "roll-up" to pin Pancho Valdez, photo by William F. Smith of Raleigh, N.C.

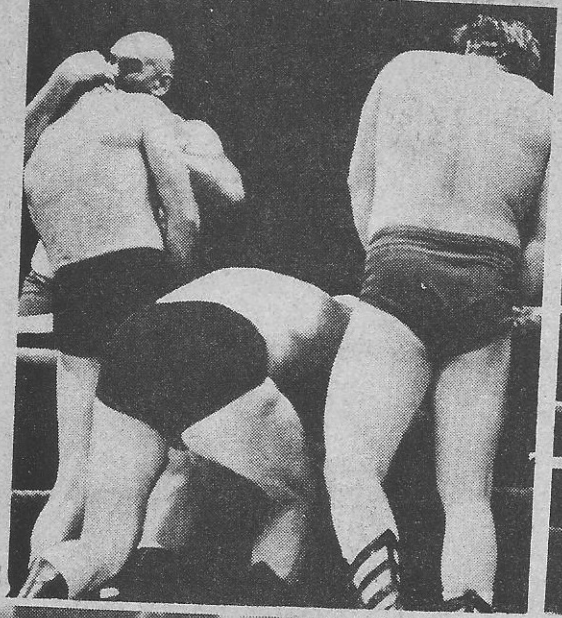
"THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE" OF THE CLAW, THE ROCK AND THE OX

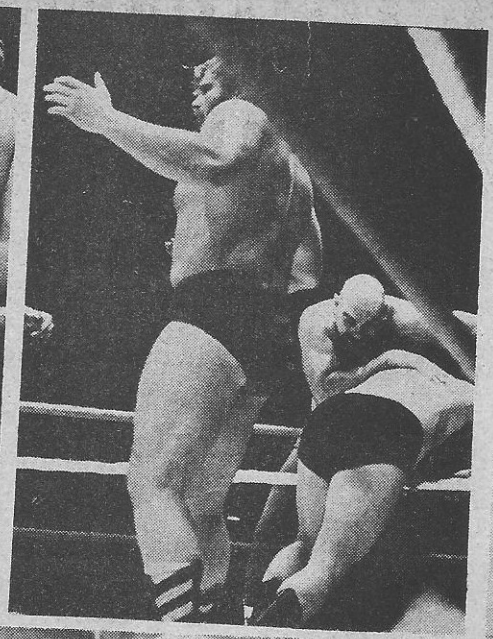
Vicious trio join forces to terrorize Midwestern grapplers.

BY ROBERT RUIZ

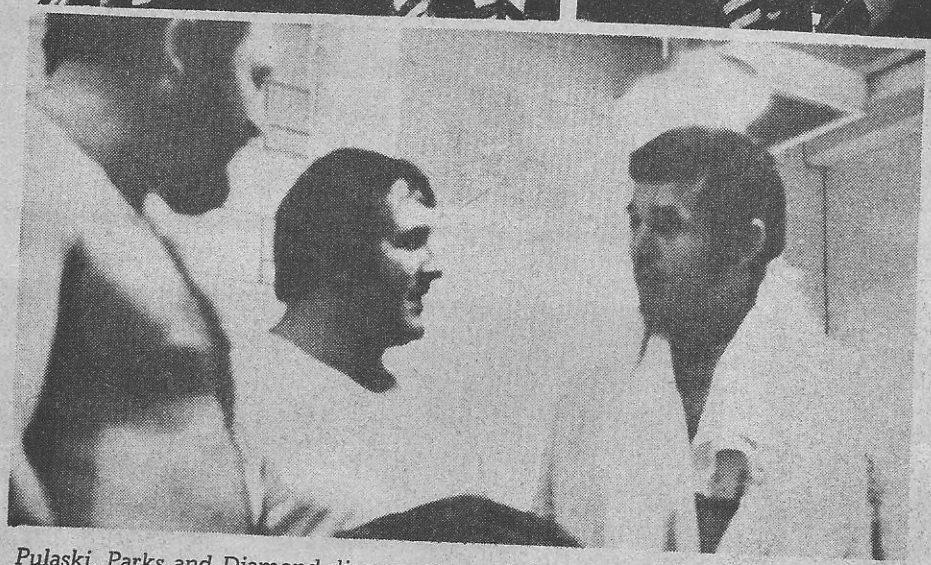


Not only will this trio not win any popularity contests, they won't win any awards for beauty, either.





"Rules, who follows rules?" say Rock and Ox as they work on Pulaski and Parks.



Pulaski, Parks and Diamond discuss strategy before the match, while below the Rock and Ox console the Claw after his injury that put him on crutches.

The fans were happy to see the masked man injured.

I am the greatest manager in the history of professional wrestling." Thus spoke the masked man known only as "The Claw," directly responsible for one of the strangest combinations in tag team wrestling.

Officially at least, the Claw represents the Midwest tag Team champions, Rock Ragowski and big Ox Baker. Unofficially, opponents know that when you sign to face the champs, you agree to fight three men; not just the usual two that normally participates in tag bouts. But the Rock and the Ox are anything but your normal, average team. They are two separate volcanos, ready to go off at a moment's notice and it takes a real force to keep them under control. . . .which is the Claw's chief priority; that is, to keep his "boys" (spelled M-E-N) from killing each other before they get into the ring.

The whole thing came about through a series of mishaps that led to the eventual pairing of all three. The

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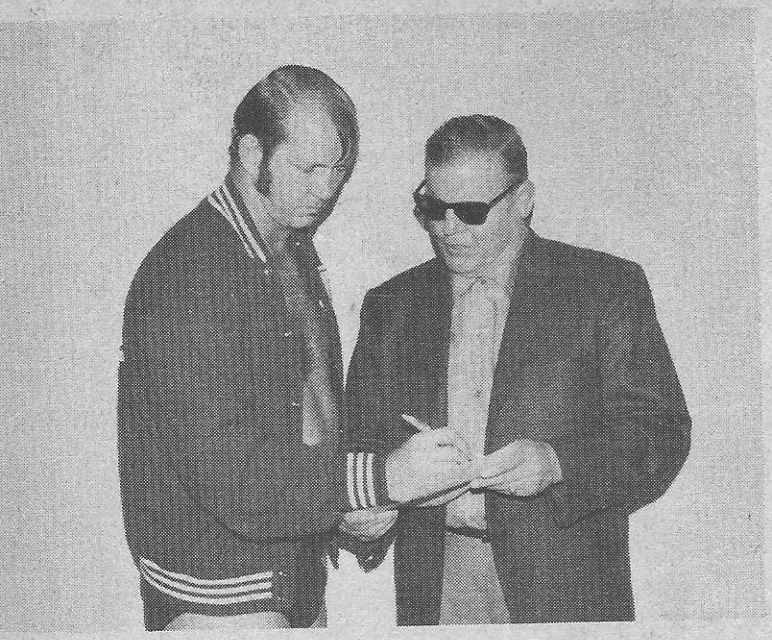
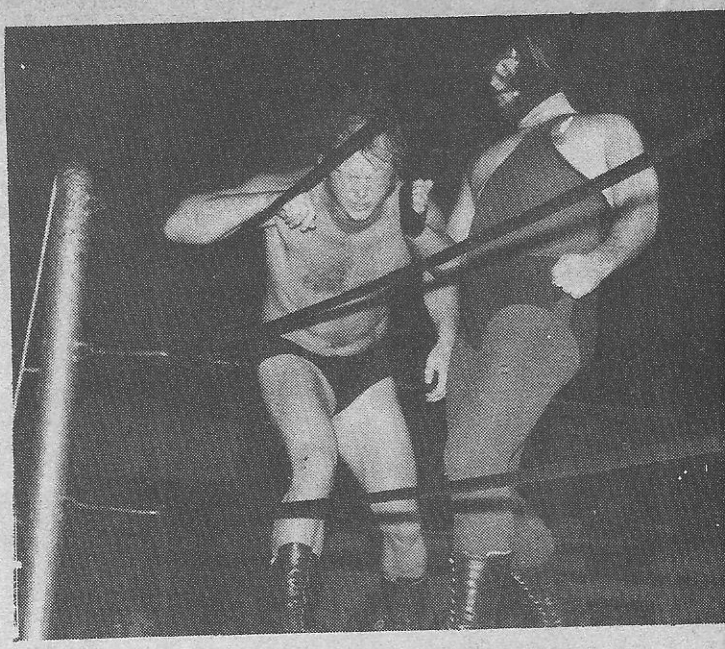
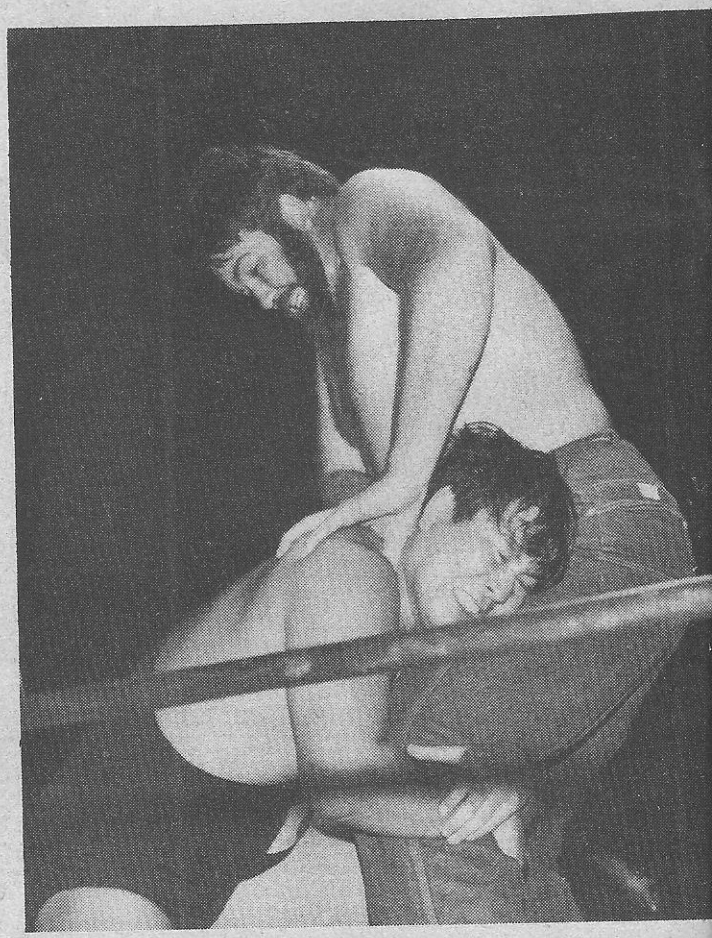


Dory Funk Jr. signs a contract to defend his title against The Spoiler for promoter LeRoy McGuirk in Tulsa.

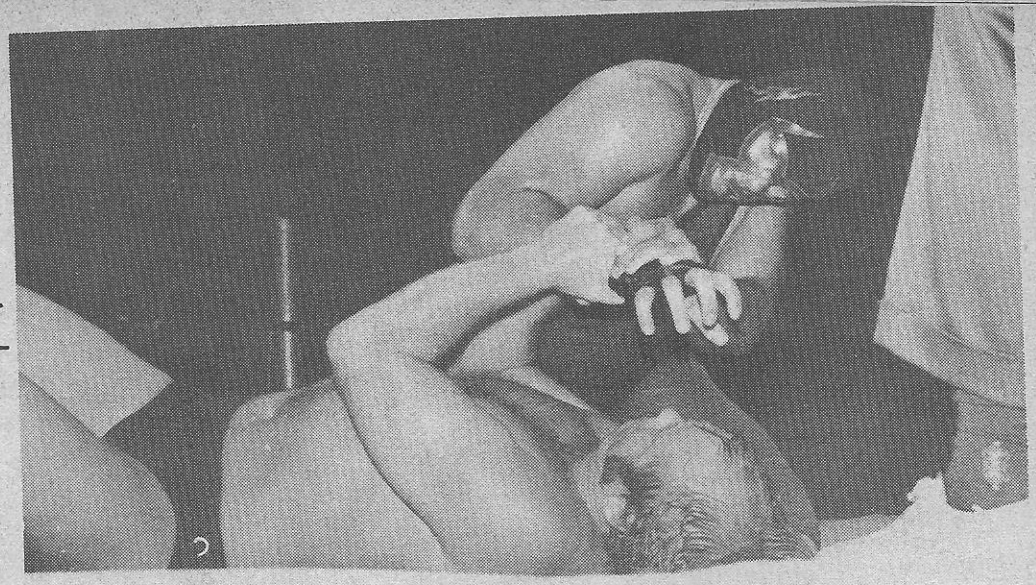


The Spoiler delivers a right to Funk's head early in the match.

Yasu Fuji and Chati Yokuchi came to Tulsa from Japan to face The Kentuckians on the big Tulsa card.



Here Chati Yokuchi tries to upset Jake "Grizzly" Smith of The Kentuckians.

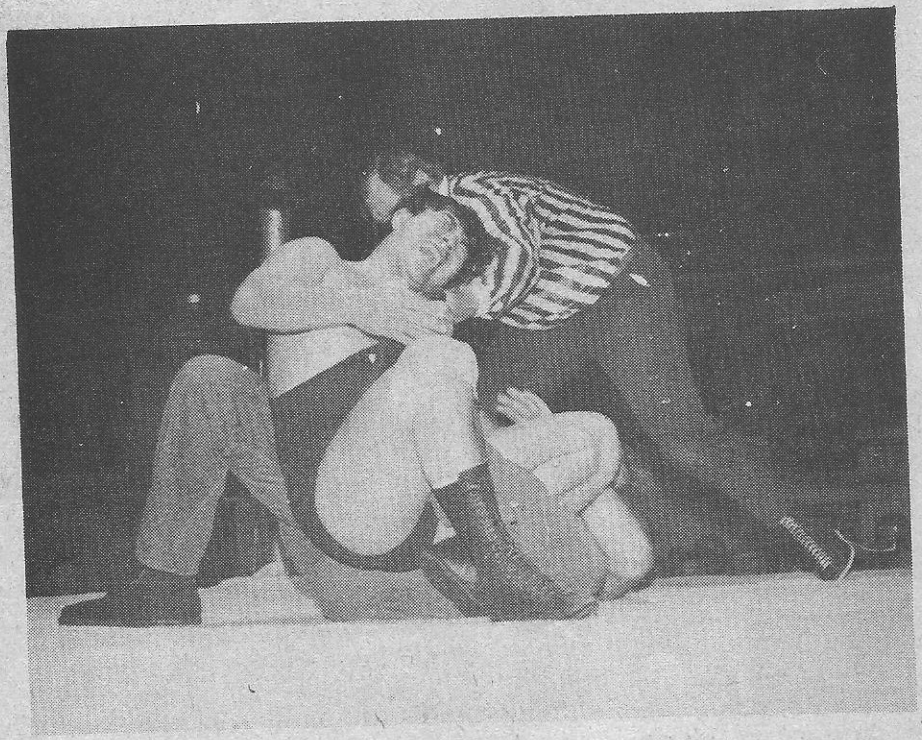


Throughout the title bout, The Spoiler tried to get his dreaded face claw on Funk

TORRID TUSSLES IN TULSA

Oklahoma fans enjoy debut of NWA Champion as well as other outstanding matches.

BY NORM KIETZER

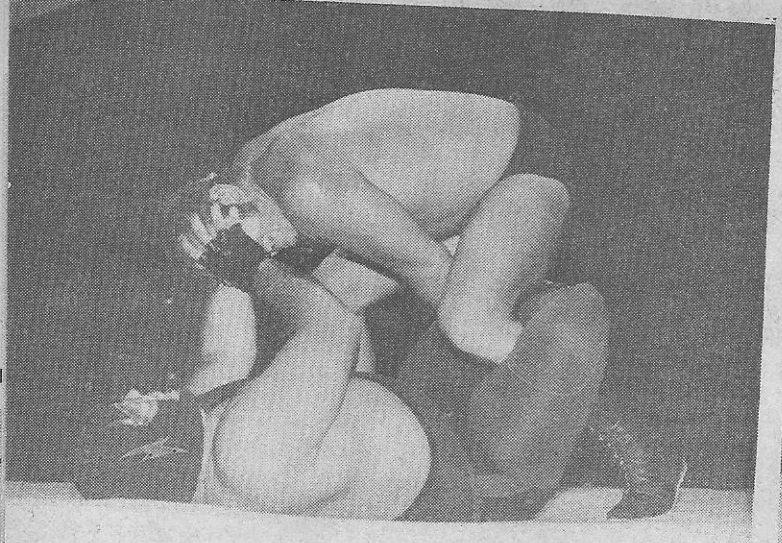


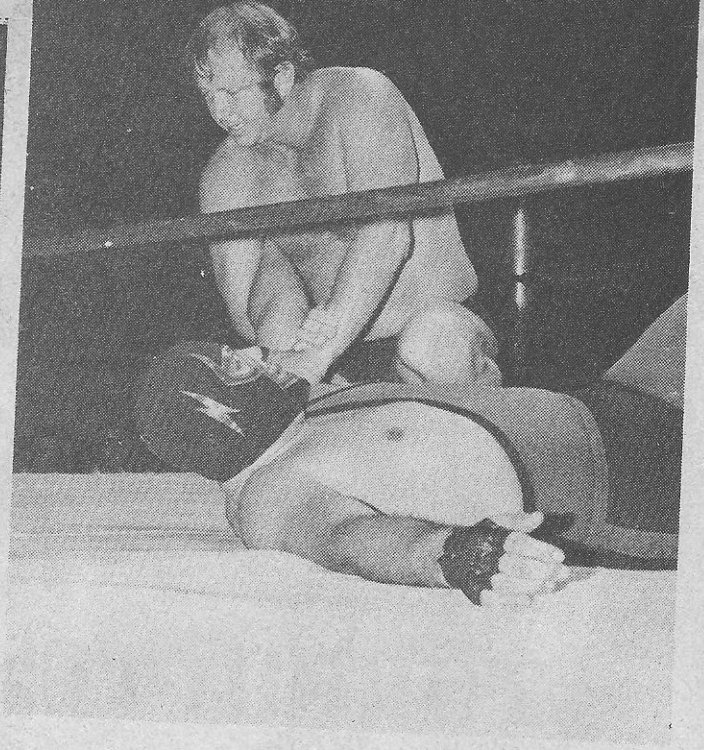
Yokuchi managed to get Big Luke Brown down to the mat and twisted Luke's leg.

I received a telephone call from LeRoy McGuirk in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a few weeks ago and the veteran promoter was very excited. He has just signed N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk Jr. for his first appearance in the state of Oklahoma. Dory had wrestled all over the world since winning the title from Gene Kiniski three years before, but this was the first time he had visited the state just to the north of his home base in Texas.

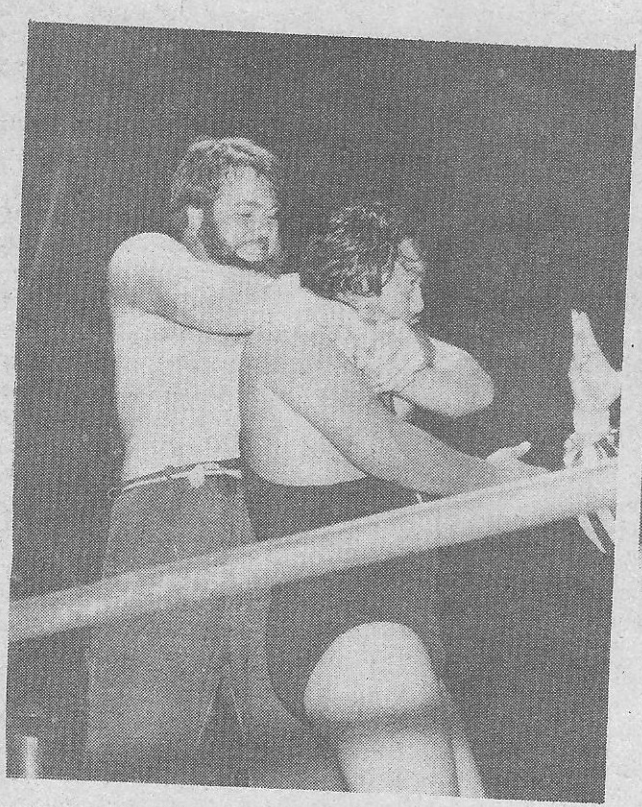
I flew into Tulsa on a Monday afternoon and former wrestler Leo Voss, who now works in the wrestling office, picked me up at the airport. The matches were the usual great fare that has made McGuirk known as one of the greatest promoters in the world, and the two main events were even better.

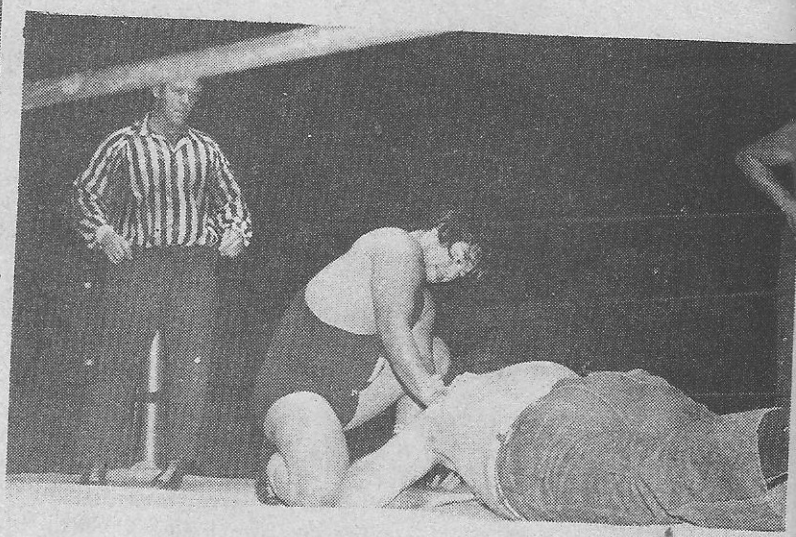
Pictures speak louder than words so I will just say that The Kentuckians, Big Luke Brown & Tiny "Grizzly" Smith, defeated Chati Yokuchi & Yasu Fuji in a hard-fought tag match and Dory Funk Jr. successfully defended the title by defeating The Spoiler. Both matches were among the very best ever seen anywhere as the following photos show.





The Spoiler managed to get his claw applied when Funk was attempting to use his famous spinning toe hold, but Dory Jr. came back to gain the ad - vantage and win the match.

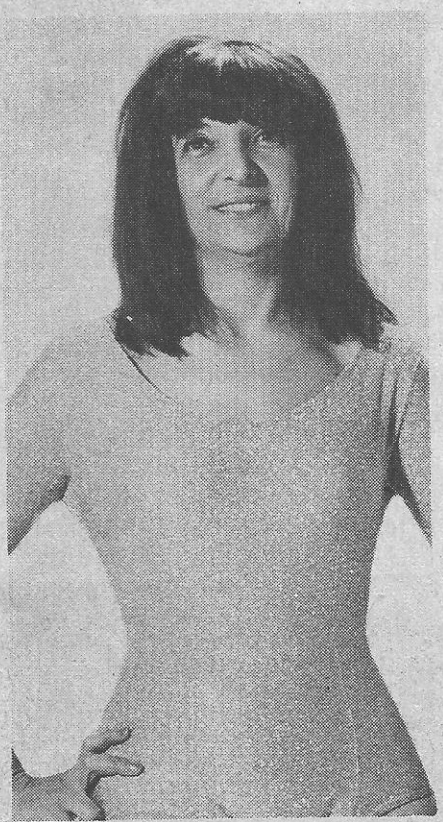




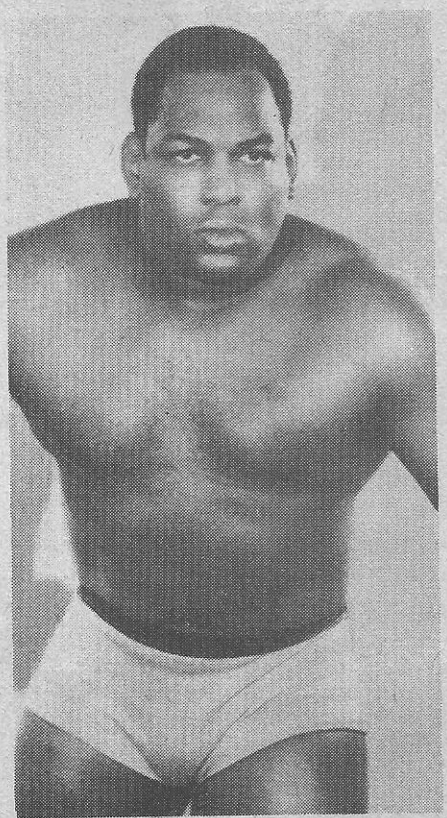
Grizzly Smith almost ripped off Yasu Fuji's head early in the match. Yokuchi came back to render Smith helpless with a nerve hold later, but in the end, the winners were The Kentuckians.

INSIDE EUROPEAN WRESTLING

By Michel Bezy



A special treat for Revue's fans from lovely Blanche Brown.



Ray Golden Apollon—still a star attraction.

The promoter-manager, Pete Brackeniers, watches over the apple of his eye, the marvelous stylist, Bert Mychel. Not one match takes place in Belgium without the presence of Mychel, the Belgian King of all-in wrestling.

Under his real name of Albert Mychiels, he was a great champion of free style wrestling, and was chosen to take part in the Olympic Games in Melbourne and Tokyo. For three years, he has remained unbeaten and is practically unbeatable. The best foreign champions have not been able to hold out against his fiery strength. Wladimir Karamazoff, Robert Gastel, Colin Johnson, Fred Magnier, Scarface, Pierre Le Marin, Gédéon Gida, the Wild Man of Borneo and Chief White Wolf have had to yield before Mychel, whom the whole of Belgium has nicknamed the "New Lou Thesz."

Recently, Mychel very brilliantly won the tournament of Ghent by beating in the finals Ray Golden Apolion. His last match against the very ferocious Danny Linch was dramatic. Mychel finished with his face covered with blood, his scalp torn open for several centimeters, the superciliary arches gaping open, in sum, it was real butchery.

We know through our friend Brackeniers that the return match will be held in Brussels next month; it is going to be a bloody fight in which the rules of courtesy will not be followed.

Just a word in passing about that other marvellous wrestler, Al Bastian, whom the Parisians know under the name of Sebastian. Al Bastian has just found new fame by resisting The Human Beast.

Eddy Wiecz-Carpentier has returned to our country, more powerful than ever. For his comeback at the Hall of the Elysée Montmartre, he very easily beat the Neronian, André Bollet. Eddy Wiecz forms a team with his nephew, Jacky, and they have just won the tournament of the City of Paris by beating the violent Jean Louis Breston and Michel Strogoff.

There was an extraordinary meeting at the Jeanson Hall in Angers where a very good program was offered to wrestling fans. Eddy Wiecz opposed the aristocrat of all-in wrestling, Jack de Lassartesse. After an hour of fighting, the referee, Mr. Marchal, declared the match a draw. Lassartesse is, it must be admitted, a very great wrestler, he is full of class, and is terribly efficient. That evening, Jack used to the maximum his pure and brutal force, his chopping hand blows and his knee blows to try to overcome a Wiecz who was in super-form. I have always had a certain admiration for the great Jack. He never disappoints, he always does his best to win and as he himself says, "I don't go into the ring to be a wallflower".

Our giant Jean Ferre is still growing bigger and greater, and like a good wine, he improves with age. Jean is 2m17 (7 feet) tall and weighs 171 kilos (376 pounds). But he has to be seen in the ring, he bustles about and moves with great rapidity and he

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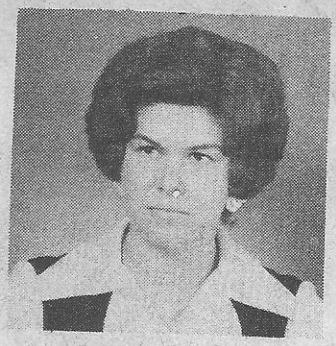
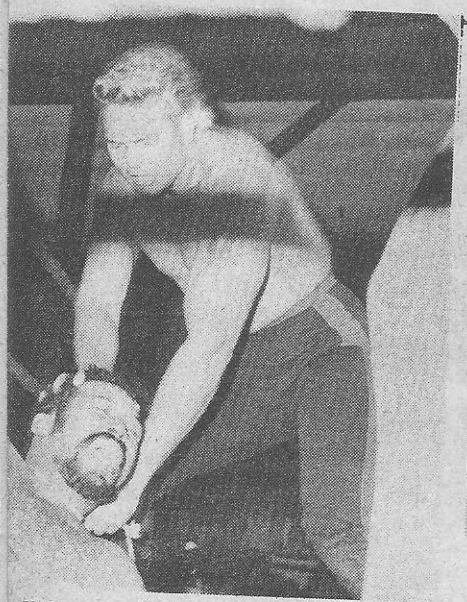
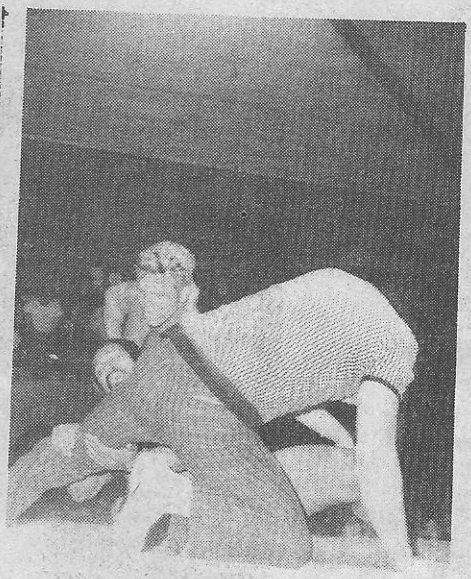
VALIENT - TURNED TO



BY ROMANINA MORGANELLA

Jimmy gave as good as he got during his brawl with "Black-Jack" Mulligan in Boston, before falling victim to a "claw-hold."





Jimmy worked over Johnny Rodz, making Johnny grab onto the referee in an effort to find refuge.

Jimmy Valient is a newcomer to the East Coast scene and has been a professional wrestler for 6 years. A native of Los Angeles, California, he is the only boy in his family. Four sisters and his mother and father are now living in Florida.

Jimmy's education is quite impressive. He attended Hammond Tech High School in Hammond, Indiana, where he became very interested in wrestling. After graduation he attended the University of Illinois where he majored in physical therapy. While in college he participated in football and wrestling. Bobby Managoff saw him wrestle in college and gave him his start. Before that, Jimmy was offered a chance to play pro football for the Chicago Bears but turned it down because he liked wrestling better.

Jimmy Valient made his first professional wrestling debut in Chicago, Ill., and since that one big night he has been going strong ever since, by winning a majority of his matches. He has traveled extensively to Japan, Australia, the Midwest United States and has done a great deal of wrestling in Texas. Said Jimmy "I have never been over to the east coast before to wrestle, and now that I'm here I might just make my home along the east coast."

I asked Jimmy who his toughest opponents have been. Without a moments hesitation he mentioned Professor Tanaka and Dick the Bruiser. He said, "Some of these tough men use the claw hold, sleeper hold and the pile driver. All these holds should be banned from wrestling."

Jimmy has perfected a hold that he uses in order to pin his opponents and win his matches, he calls it the Olympic Cradle hold. Jimmy describes it as a hold in which he takes over his opponent from a headlock position and hooks one of his legs. He has used this hold on such tough men as Black Jack Mulligan, The Great Solo, Johnny

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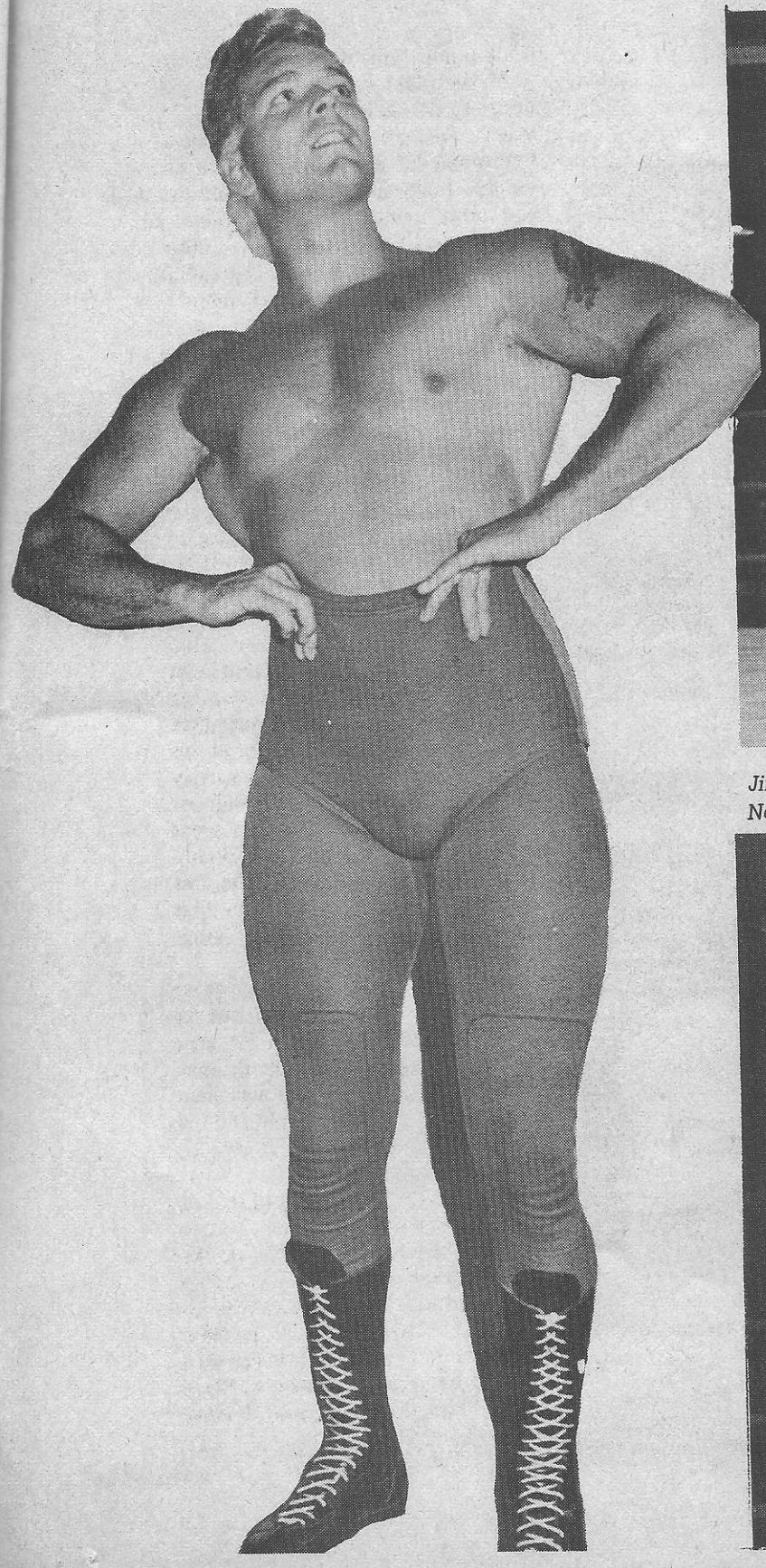
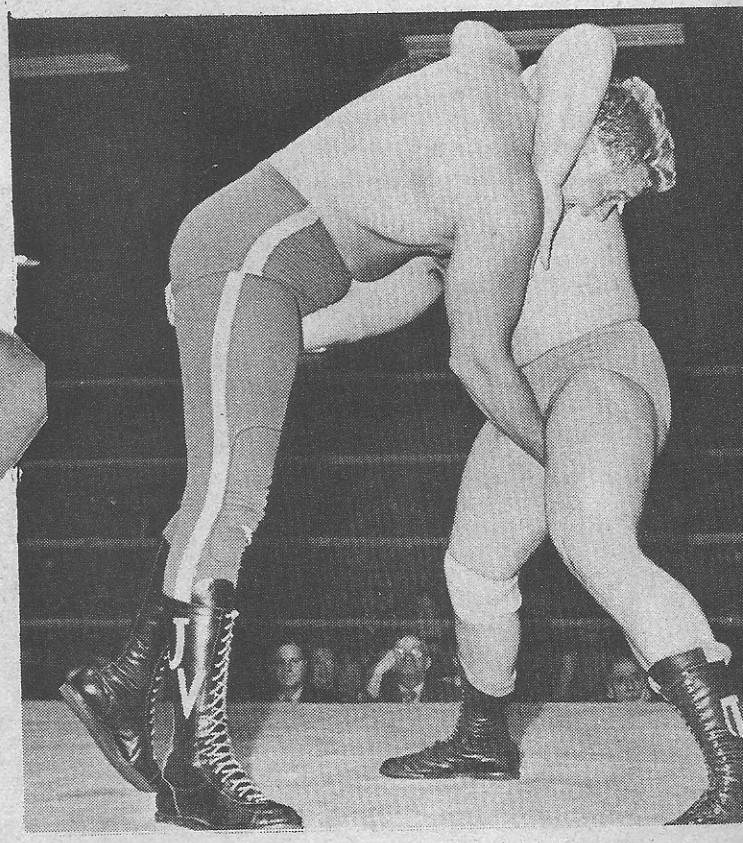
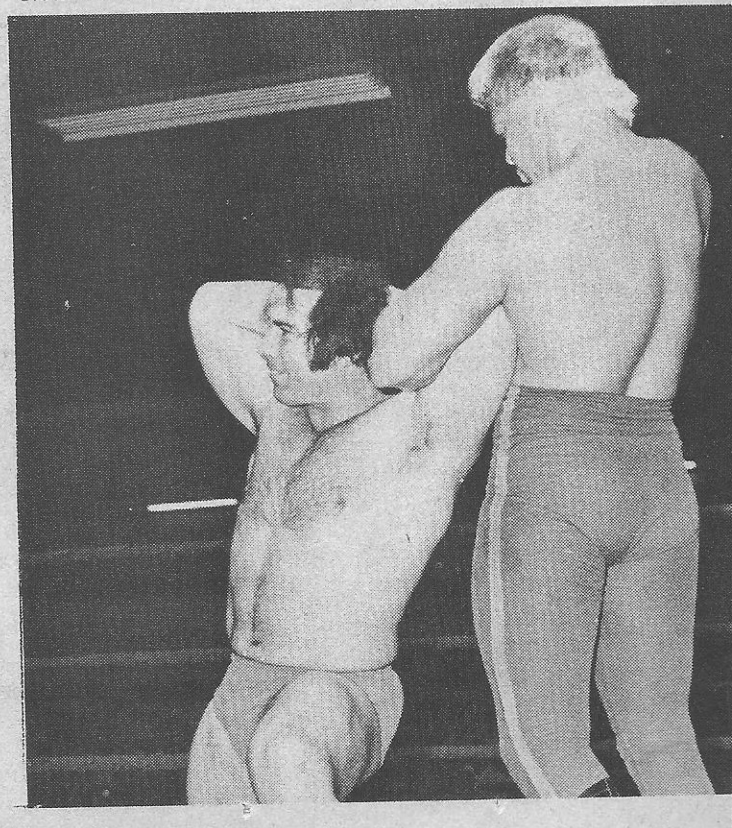




Jimmy and Tony Marino clashed in a stirring contest in New York's Madison Square Garden.



Caruso, and has beat every one.

Jimmy though only a young man himself, shows a great many years experience in that ring and one would think he has been a wrestler for more than his mere six years. He can pick up a giant like Black Jack Mulligan and body slam him three or four times on the mat and can cause such a big man to run for the dressing room, which is just what happened one night when these two met in the ring.

Jimmy has gained quite a following for himself, and has now become a big favorite here on the east coast.

The World Champion, Pedro Morales, is a close friend of Jimmy's. "That wouldn't stop me from trying to take the championship title away from Pedro should I get that opportunity, I would like to wrestle Pedro some day and try to win the title from him."

Jimmy Valient is a champion in his own right. He defeated Len Rossi and won the title of Heavy Champion of Tennessee.

Jimmy isn't a typical wrestler, that is he doesn't look tough and mean or huge in size. Instead he looks like a matinee idol. He is 28 years old, stands 6 ft. 4 inches tall has light hair and big blue eyes. He weighs 245 pounds and he's all muscle, and well built—broad-shouldered and tapering down to a slender body. He does not resemble the type of wrestler commonly seen, and as mentioned before, could be an actor or a model. Many of the women in the audience mentioned how graceful and elegant he seemed to be even though he was wrestling, he has his own style that turns the fans on!

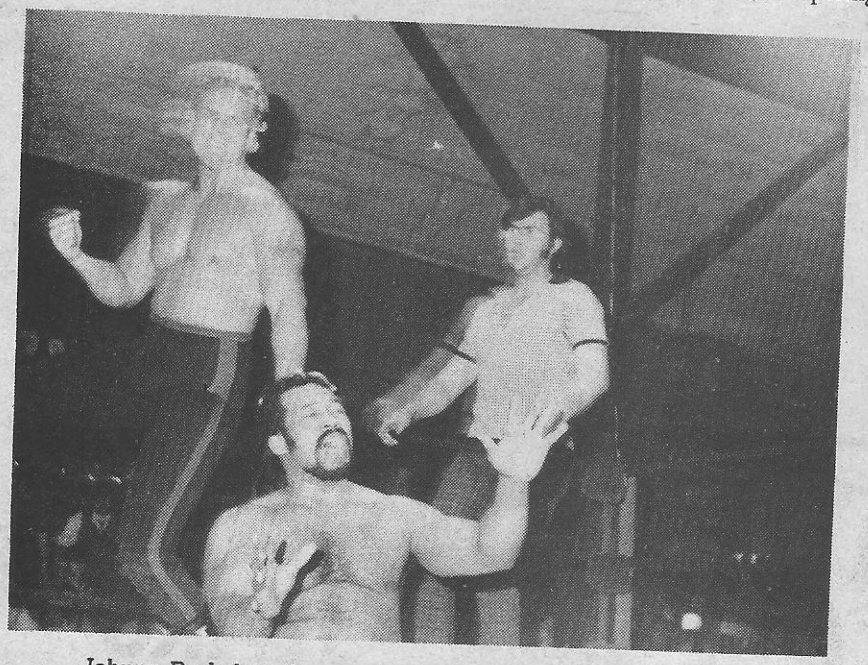
Valient's routine for staying in top shape is exercise, plenty of rest and eating foods high in protein. He runs five miles a day and trains on the average of three days a week.

One of the more colorful of the younger personalities, Jimmy enters the ring in a red and black sequined jacket, with either black or purple tights and the initials JV on the sides of his boots. On the upper left arm he has a tattoo of an eagle.

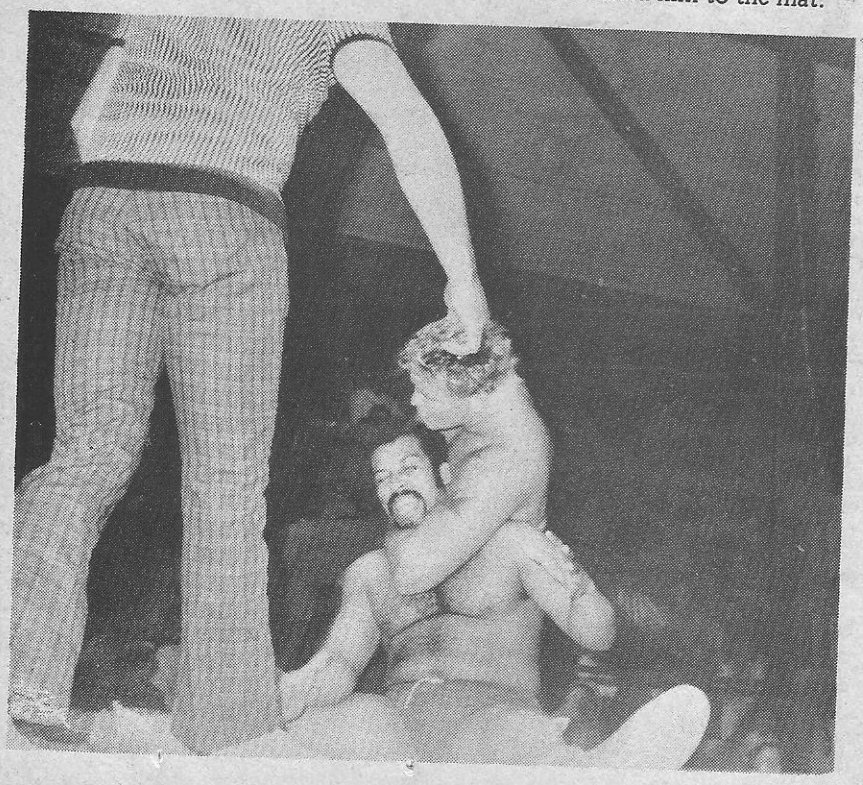
The fans really have taken a liking to him, and he reciprocates by throwing them kisses after he has won a match. It is a very common sight to see children and adults of all ages surround the ring and put out their hands for Jimmy to greet them. They appreciate the type of wrestler he is and like him as a regular person, also.

He says quite honestly that he isn't afraid to wrestle anyone, "so bring them all on I'm ready for them all."

A wrestler with such confidence and determination will probably get a chance to try for the championship sooner than he expects. And it is for certain that a great number of the promoters have their eyes glued on him. He is a wrestler to watch and is one young man who is glad that he chose a wrestling career over one in football, because here is where he feels he is needed most. ♦ ♦ ♦



Johnny Rodz begs for mercy after Valient bombed him to the mat.



Jimmy's powerful head-lock has Rodz at the end of his rope.

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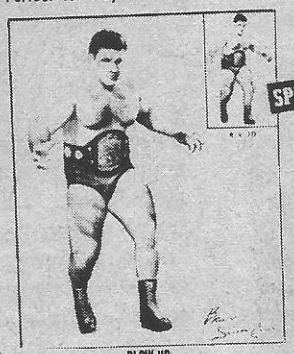

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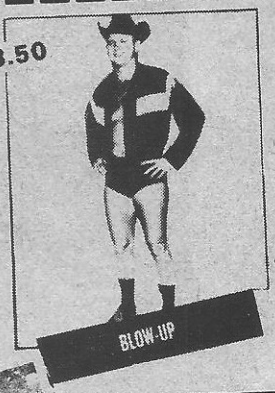

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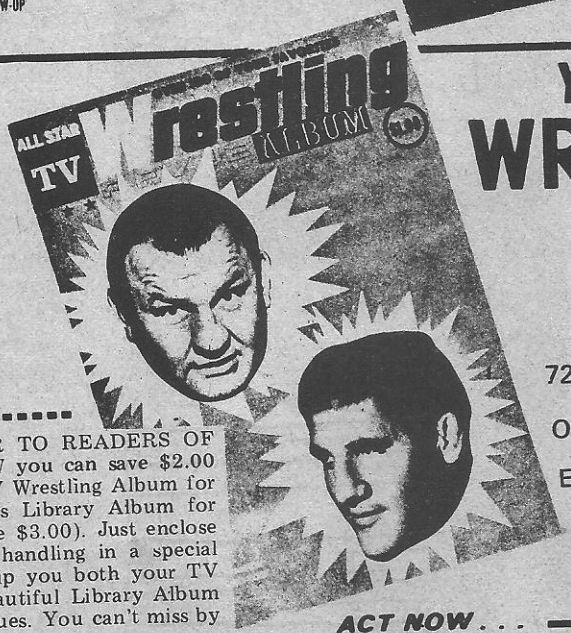

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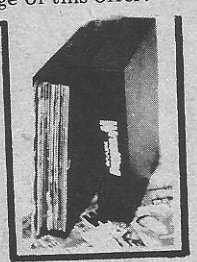

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BETTY NICCOLI VS PATTY O'HARA ...NEWEST MAT FEUD.

BY DAVE BURZYNSKI

Over the years, Betty Niccoli has been involved in many scuffles with well-known opponents such as Jean Antone, Evelyn Stevens, Kathy Star and countless others. But today she is mixed up with a bright young gal by the name of Patty O'Hara.

Betty, a St. Joseph, Mo., native who weighs in at 132 pounds, says, "It's about time I got some competition. But I dispose of them as fast as they hand them out. But I have to give this O'Hara credit. She's young and on the move."

Patty, who hails from Los Angeles, and tips the scale at 138 pounds, feels different about her rival, "I've been wrestling only a short time and they're starting me off with the top stuff. This Niccoli character is a sly one and if you make one wrong move, she's right there to catch you off guard. I have to say, she is the roughest in the business."

One match both recall very well was in Lemay, Mo., last year. From the opening bell, mayhem took place in that ring. Many holds were exchanged in the 15 minutes of wrestling. It was a see-saw battle, but the cagey Niccoli caught Patty off guard and trapped her in the favorite hold, the Boston Crab, for a well earned victory which kept the fans on the edge of their seats as they heckled Miss Niccoli from opening bell to the end.

Over the years of battling between the two, Betty has come out on top nearly 95 percent of the time. But that doesn't mean Patty isn't stiff competition. She's young and still learning but will be climbing the rating ladder before too long. No love is lost between these two wild cats. Both are rough individuals and it may be some time before this feud comes to a close. But one thing is, there style's in the ring always leave the fans in a daze and at the edge of their seats. And this is what the promoters like as well as the fans themselves. And as one referee put it, "I'd rather referee a match between a ten-man battle royal than these two she-cats."

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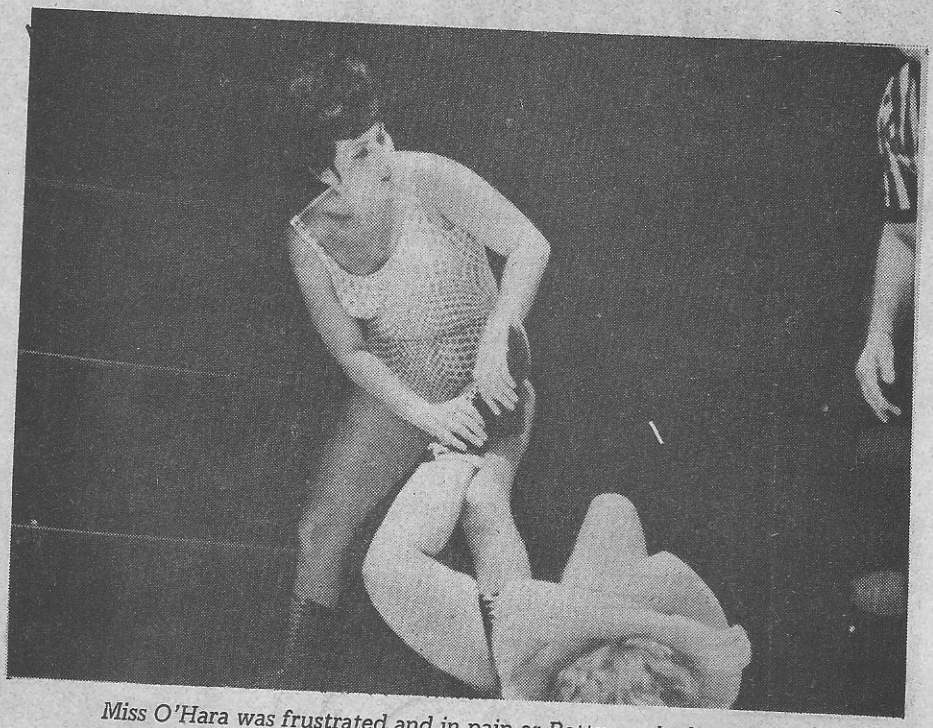
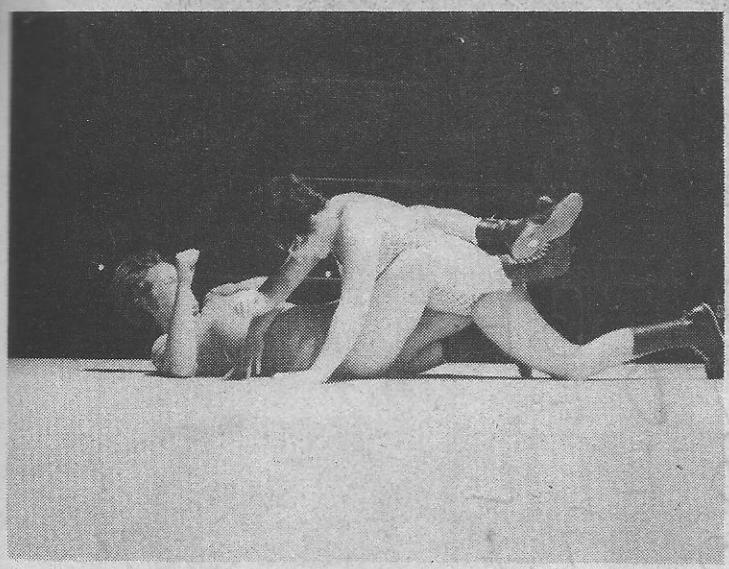
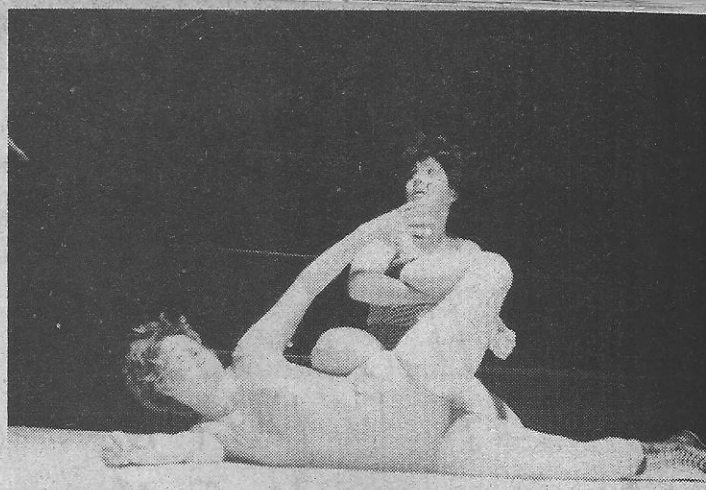


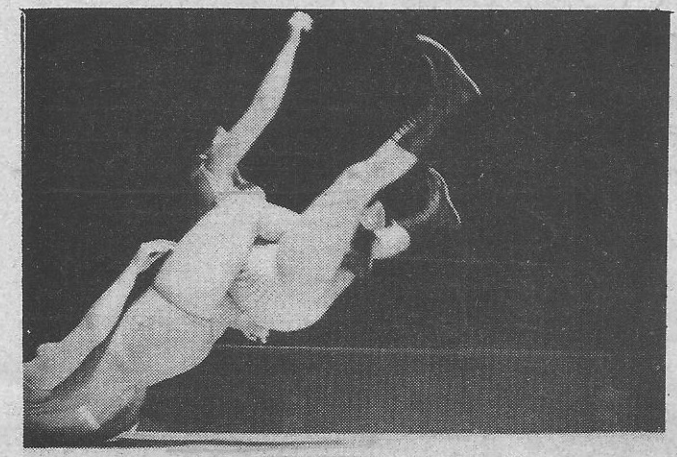
Miss O'Hara was frustrated and in pain as Betty worked on her leg.

Patty gets a free trip into the ropes via Miss Niccoli's "Whip."

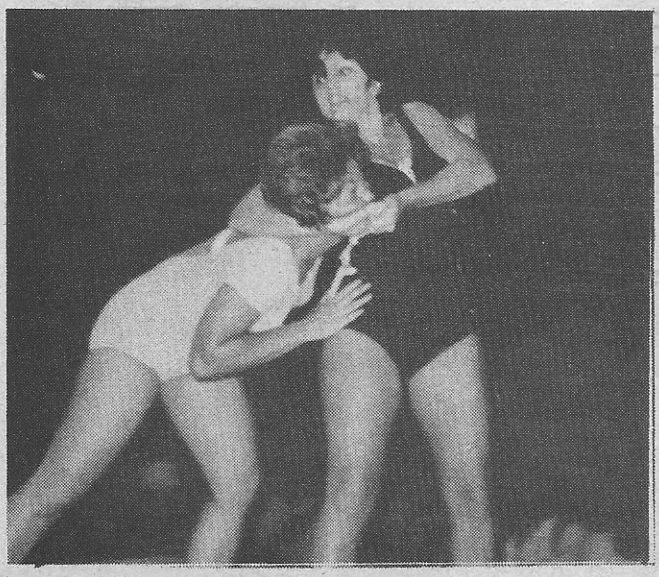




Betty squirms her way free of a body scissors (l), and quickly turned the tide, clamping a leg-lock on Patty.



Betty survived a "bumpty-bump" to come back and slug her way to victory over Patty in a thrilling battle that kept the fans excited all the way.



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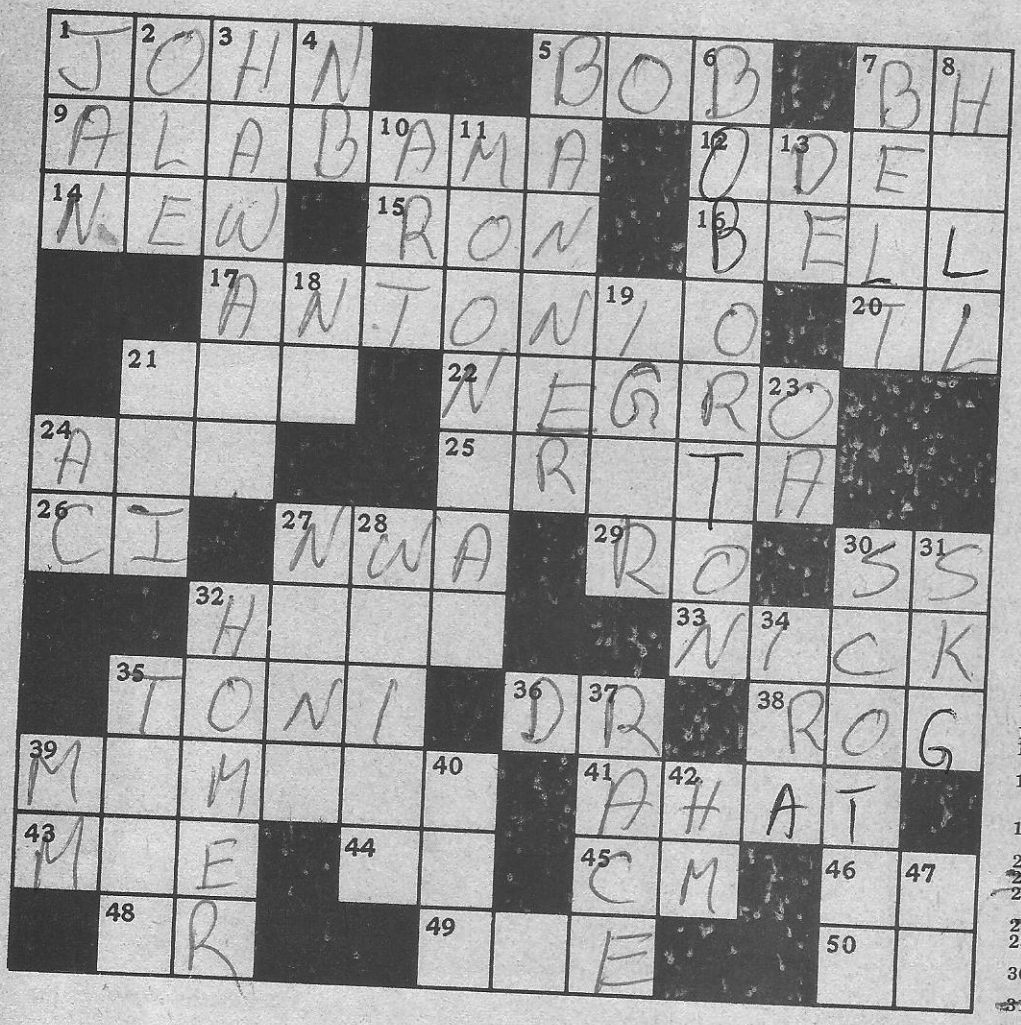

By Joseph Morgan

ACROSS

1. _____ L. Sullivan, young skillful wrestler
5. _____ Ramstead, young grappler
7. Initials of wrestling manager Bobby Heenan
9. A state in the South where wrestling is popular
12. Larry _____, skillful grappler
14. _____ York, very popular place for wrestling
15. _____ Etchison, skillful wrestler
16. There is usually one at every wrestling match
17. _____ Rocca, very skillful wrestler
20. Initials of wrestler Tex Lee Mon
21. Managers usually give this to their wrestlers when they need help
22. Ciclon _____, wrestler from Mexico
24. _____ Baba, tough grappler from Japan
25. Villain wrestler (2 wds)
26. Initials of wrestler Curtis Iaukea
27. National Wrestling Alliance (Abbreviation)
29. Initials of wrestler Ramon Ortego
30. Initials of wrestler Sandy Scott
32. _____ Lee, tough grappler
33. _____ Kozak, skillful wrestler
35. _____ Rose, lady wrestler
36. _____ Jerry Graham, villain grappler
38. Nature _____ Kirby, tough wrestler
39. Villain wrestler from Japan (2 wds)
41. Cowboy Bob Ellis may be seen wearing one (2 wds)
43. When all the wrestlers in a match are considered winners, the match is a _____
44. _____ Lobo, villain masked wrestler
45. Initials of wrestler Charles Montague
46. Initials of wrestler Tom Drake
48. _____ Wrestling, sensational masked wrestler
49. _____ Davis, lady wrestler
50. Dory Funk _____, tough grappler

DOWN

1. _____ Jansen, tough grappler
2. _____ Anderson, villain wrestler
3. Wrestler Sam Steamboat came from this state
4. Initials of wrestler Nick Bockwinkle
5. Penny _____, lady wrestler
6. Wrestler in the South (2 wds)
7. A wrestling champion usually always wears one
8. Dennis _____, skillful grappler
10. _____ Nelson, villain grappler
11. A tough grappler, _____
13. Initials of wrestling immortal Don Eagle
18. State where wrestling matches might be seen (Abbreviation)
19. _____ Vodik, tough grappler
21. _____ Ben Khan, grappler
23. Initials of 2 down
24. Initials of wrestler Al Costello
27. _____ Ortego, wrestler
28. Billy _____ Wolf, Indian wrestler
30. "The Flying" _____, very popular tag team
31. _____ Low Low, midget wrestler
32. _____ O'Dell, unpopular manager
34. _____ Judol, grappler
35. Describes many lady wrestlers
37. Harley _____, tough grappler
39. Man _____ Mike, grappler (Abbreviation)
40. Describes Bulldog Lee Henning
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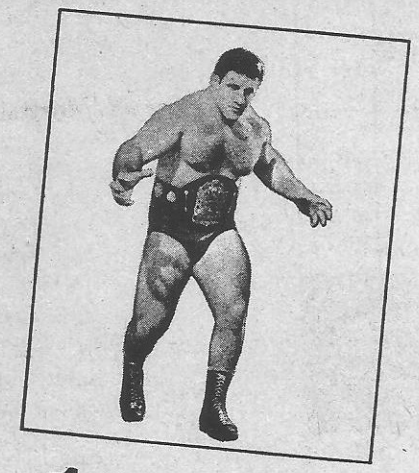

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FAN CLUB CHATTER

By DON WILSON

Hi, all you mat fans, and welcome to another issue of Fan Club Chatter. First off, I want to advise against joining the MIL MASCARAS FAN CLUB headed by Judy Forget, 13841 Edwards St., Westminister, Calif. 92683, As I have received a number of complaints, and she has not answered any of the letters of complaint. I would suggest that any of you who sent money to her and did not receive any material, contact your local post office for help in trying to obtain a refund or in prosecuting her for fraud.

This business of operating a fan club is a serious thing, and clubs like the one mentioned above we don't need, for they reflect on the integrity of the good club presidents. After all, running a club takes a lot of time, money and hard work. Those who just want to get in for a ride and then drop from the scene we don't need them or want. I suggest prosecuting them.

Another club about which I have received a couple of complaints in regards to not receiving any club material is the one for CHIEF WAHOO MCDANIEL, under the direction of Karen King, 6720 Mango Ave., So., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707. I suggest you do not join this club.

The following are some clubs I haven't heard from in many months, and would not at this time suggest that you send them any money. For that reason, I am not listing their addresses. BECKER-WEAVER FAN CLUB and the ANDERSON BROTHERS FAN CLUB, headed by Pam Daniels; Randy CURTIS FAN CLUB, Laura Tate, president; RIP HAWK & SWEDE HANSON FAN CLUB, Steve Covington, president; BUDDY MORENO FAN CLUB and THE NORTH AMERICAN WRESTLING SCENE, with Erik Berry as prexy; STAN STASIAK FAN CLUB, Viktor Berry, president; BOB RAMSTEAD FAN CLUB, Ruth Earley, president; GREG PETERSON FAN CLUB, Sophie Watson, president; THUNDERBOLT PATTERSON FAN CLUB, Dave Flaherty, president. PAT PATTERSON FAN CLUB, Dorothy Hopkins, president; DALE LEWIS FAN CLUB, Betty Chrastil, president; RESULTS FAN CLUB, Dave Weiss, president; RAY STEVENS FAN CLUB, Joe Pottgieser, president; and the JOHNNY POWERS FAN CLUB, headed by Mark Hilbish.

Received a letter from Mr. Jack Arnold, that he sent a letter to Elmer Wheeler Jr., Box 301 Wyomissing, Pa. 19610, a letter regarding Wheeler's newsletter called WOMEN SPORTS NEWS. I received a copy a couple of months ago and reported same in the July issue of WRESTLING REVUE, only to have Mr. Arnold write him a few days after the issue came out, and Wheeler's reply was: "The newsletter has been discontinued." So don't bother writing Wheeler about this newsletter. All of this happened within a five-week period, and Wheeler didn't even have the courtesy to inform me had stopped the newsletter, so I could advise the readers in the following issue of WRESTLING REVUE.

I realize that sometimes there are reasons for a club to disband or quit operating shortly after starting, but in the best interests of the members and interested mat fans, I would think the person heading the club should try to notify the magazines and persons writing about the club. That's what really burns me up.

Well, moving along to a more pleasant situation. Received from Joyce Wilkerson, president of the JOSE LOTHARIO FAN CLUB, her current club publication, well done, interesting, complete with photos and descriptions of some of Mr. Lothario's matches. Joyce has the help of Debby Contrill as vice president, and Eddie Wilkerson as secretary-treasurer. Send your yearly dues of $2.00 to Joyce at 302 N.W. 9th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33128. You can't go wrong on this one.

Now here is another club that is close to the top, the TERRY KAY FAN CLUB, headed by Debbie Abbott, Route 1, Box 16, Timberville, Va. 22853. Debbie puts out a quarterly publication that is interesting, well done, and frankly makes for enjoyable reading. Dues are $2.00 a year and with Linda Abbott as vice president, and Bobby Kay as business manager, well, you just can't go wrong, so send Debbie the green today, and you'll soon see I'm right.

Ron Weeks, 8640 Keystone Drive, Omaha, Neb., 68134, is offering grab bags for sale at 50 cents each. These contain magazines, programs, clippings, photos and results sheets.

John Foster, 95 Buffum St., Lynn, Mass. 01902, would like to hear from fans of BRUNO SAMMARTINO, PEDRO MORALES, CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW & GORILLA MONSOON.

Just in, the first club publication from Kathy Szalewski, president of the A.W.A. FAN CLUB, and as I expected, a fine job for her first bulletin. Kathy has bumper stickers for sale to her members at a special price of 75 cents that read, "Wrestling is #1" and thanks, Kathy, for giving me one for my collection. Dues are $2.00 a year which will include an 8 x 10 color photo of your favorite A.W.A. grappler, monthly bulletins and other items. Send your money to Kathy at 1003 So. 16th St., Apt 11, Milwaukee, Wis. 53204. Be sure and tell her I sent ya.

Just received a copy of a new club publication called NEW ENGLAND W.W.W.F. NEWS, Terry Allen, president, 110 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, Mass., 01945. I thought his first issue was very good, and for the single copy price of 25 cents, you should try a copy, or you can get five issues for a buck.

Girls, you live in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area and would like to wrestle amateur contact Judy, P.O. Box 4548, zip code 53207.

Don Alvarez, president of ALL STAR WRESTLING NEWS, advises the dues to his club have increased to $2.00 a year for a membership card, color photo, wallet photo, bi-monthly newsletters and a special sale of various wrestling items, such as programs, photos, posters, etc. Write to Don at P.O. Box 1024, Los Altos, Calif. 94022. Or if you wish, send an s.a.e. for his list of sale items.

Just received from Al Cooper, vice president of THE MICHIGAN SCENE, their current club publication, as usual very well done, complete with photo-offset cover with photos. Dave Burzynski is president and the club address is 8294 Olympia, Detroit, Mich. 48213. For only 35 cents you can obtain a sample issue, or join for a year, just $2.00, save a little and get a membership card as well.

Jay Ford, 2285 University Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10468, would like to hear from fans in his area, between the ages of 16 and 18, under 110 pounds and standing five-foot-seven or less who would like to get together and wrestle for fun.

I goofed and said that the fine publications from John Sinibaldi Jr., President of the BOSTON WRESTLING SCENE comes out bi-monthly. These well done publications are received every month by this writer, and thanks, John, for sending your current issue. Dues are $2.50 a year, or try a sample copy for 30 cents. John advises the membership is increasing rapidly and he needs additional correspondents. Write to John at 28 Sheffield Rd., Boston, Mass. 02131.

David Courtney, 1017 N. Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210, would like to obtain films or still photos of amateur or professional girl grapplers. David would also like to correspond with some of you, and guys interested in wrestling.

Mike Stratioti, 1330 N. 57th Ave. West, Duluth, Minn. 55807, has wrestling photos and magazines for sale, send him an s.a.e. for his list. Thanks, Mike, for the sample photos.

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The Big "K" with Jackie Maslan, a Chicago fan.

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Randy Guetersohn, 4950 South 57th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53220, is selling wrestling grab-bags, including mags, programs and other items, for a $1.25.

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Dave Leon, 16022 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, Calif. 90650, would like to hear from world wide amateur girl wrestlers and their experiences along with photos of their matches. Also would like to hear from girls in the Los Angeles area who would like to have photos of their matches taken.

John R. Reeves has a list of available photos for sale, send an s.a.e. to John at P.O. Box 4529, Charleston Heights, S.C. 29405.

Sandra Moore, 7933 Turner Rd., Norfolk, Va. 23518, would like to hear from fans of JOHNNY WEAVER, GEORGE BECKER, NELSON ROYAL, PAUL JONES, SANDY SCOTT, JERRY BRISCO & BOBBY KAY.

Ken Jugan, 434 Ohio Ave., Glassport, Pa. 15045, is selling his "Mat List", containing results, stores, and more for only 25 cents.

Interested in a good deal ???? Send 50 cents to the WRESTLING FANS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135 and receive a wrestling poster and program, complete with photos of BETTY NICCOLI, JEAN ANTONE, JACK BRISCO & DORY FUNK JR., along with a short story on him and the N.W.A. World title changes. As a matter of fact if you're not a member of this world-wide organization of mat fans, simply send another buck and a half for a year's membership. Better join now before the dues increase.

Stephen Cole, 26 Peter Street, Elmvale, Ont., Canada, is holding a popularity poll, and would like all mat fans to send their choice.

Send 10 cents and an s.a.e. to Steve Midbust for his list of photos, which are mostly of Northwest grapplers and a sample photo. Thanks, Steve, for the photo, good sharp color. Write to Steve in care of NORTHWEST WRESTLING REPORT, 121 Bauer Lane, Eugene, Oregon 97402.

Received letter with details from the ANN CASEY FAN CLUB, Larry Spooner, president, Rt. 2, Box 114, Water Valley, Miss. 38965. Dues are $3.00 a year for membership card, photo, news, etc. Personally I'm waiting to see some of the club information.

Charles Hodges, 2423 College Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, is 14 and would like to hear from West Coast fans of FRITZ VON ERICH, JOHNNY VALENTINE, WAHOO MCDANIEL & MIL MASCARAS. He would also like to buy programs and color photos.

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James T. Cox, Rt. 1, Box 85A, Evington, Va. 24550, would like to buy a photo of ROCK ROGOWSKI with the Midwest tag team belts, along with photos of area champions with their belts and any photos of wrestler now appearing in the Texas area.

Randy Bennett, 2929 East 21st Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50317 has wrestling puzzles for sale, just a nickel each, plus an s.a.e. He sent me one, and I'm sure glad he sent the answer, as I couldn't figure it out.

Philip Mayer, 2301 Dewitt Terr.,

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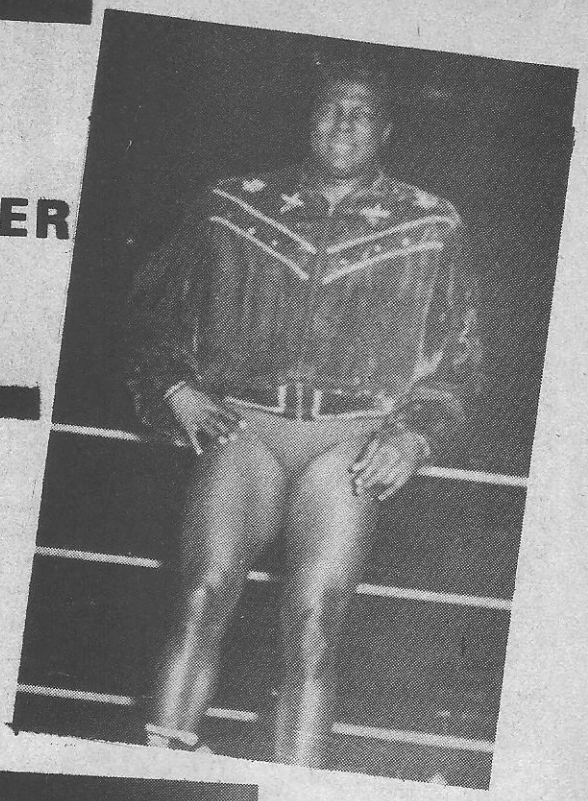
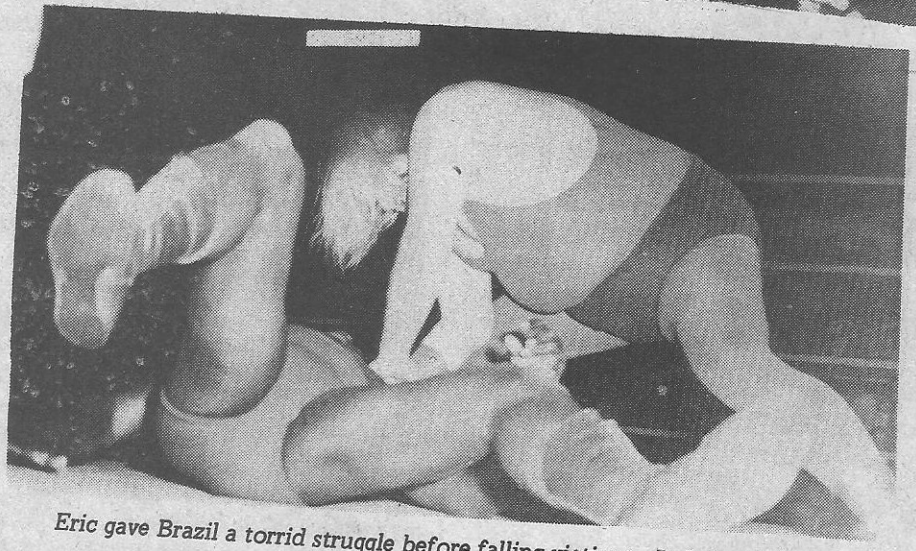
ACTION IN ROCHESTER

BY EARLE YETTER

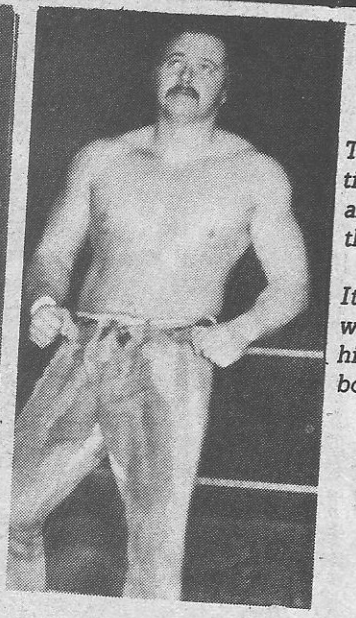
Eric The Red who clashed.....



With Bobo Brazil in a battle of giants.



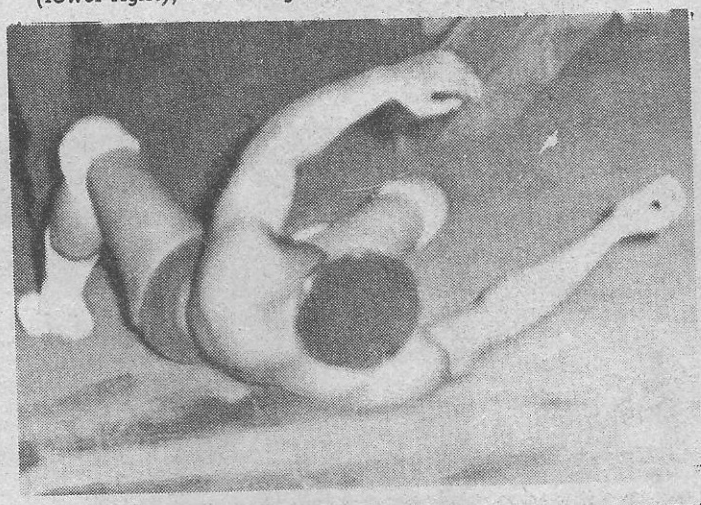
Eric gave Brazil a torrid struggle before falling victim to Bobo's "Coco Butt."

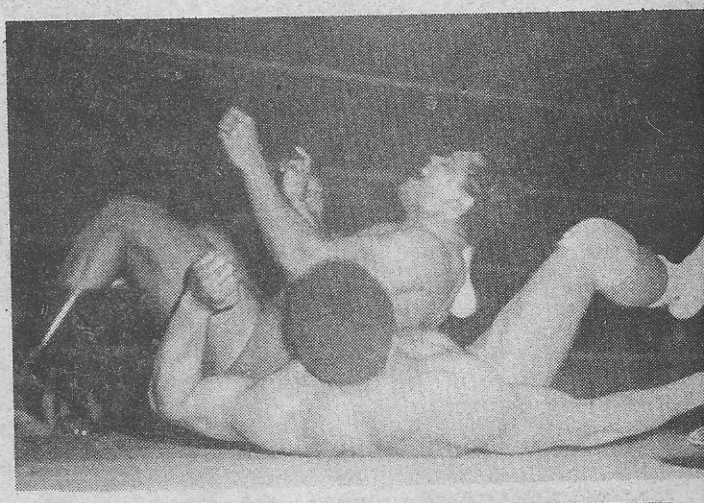


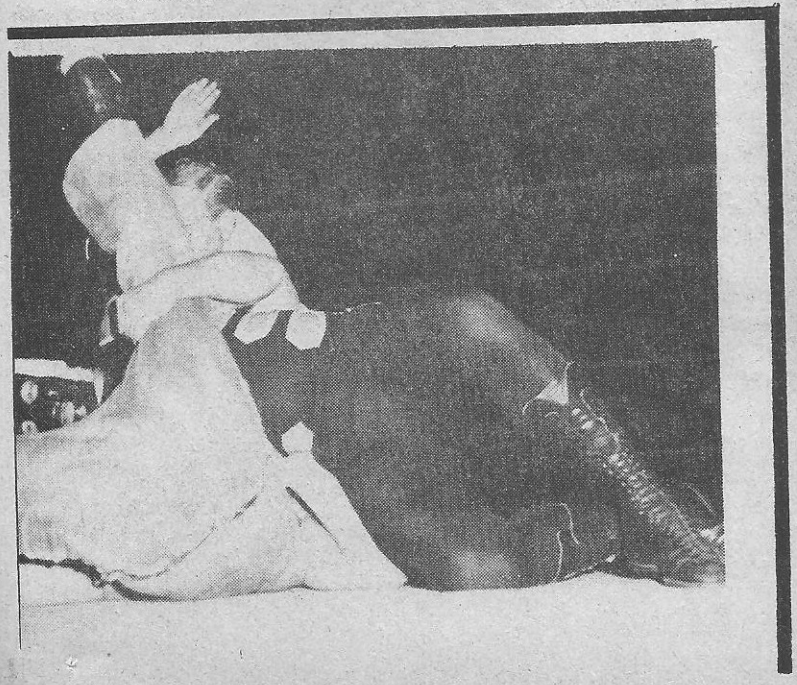
The Executioner wasted no time in going. . . . after Bruce Swayze in a bout that sparkled with action.

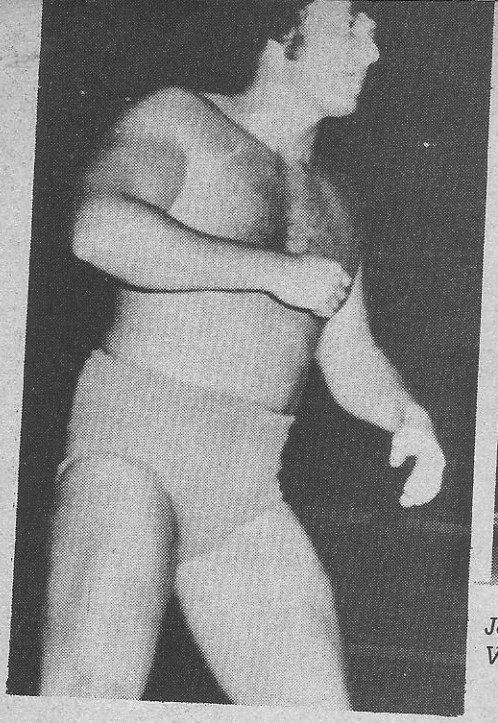
It was a Body Slam that weakened Bruce and set him up for the final body press.

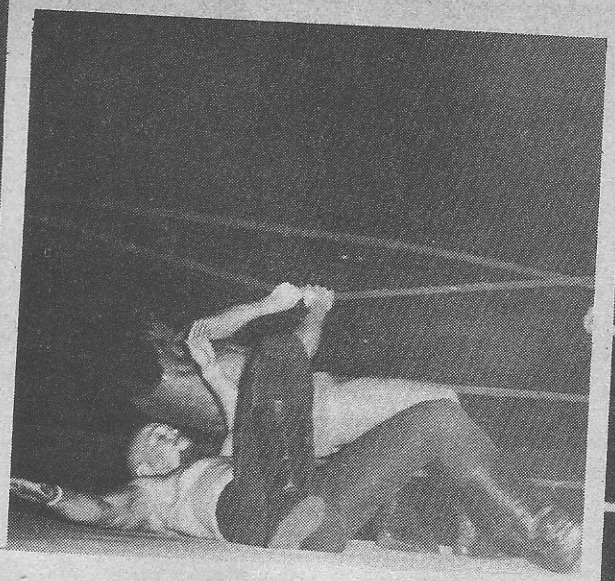
When Big Ernie Ladd (l) tackled Dom DeNucci (r) it was a battle of titans that raged inside and outside of the ring, on the apron, and the floor of arena. Enraged by Ladd's tactics, Victor Rivera came to Dom's aide, blastingLadd to the deck (lower right), but all it got DeNucci—was disqualified.



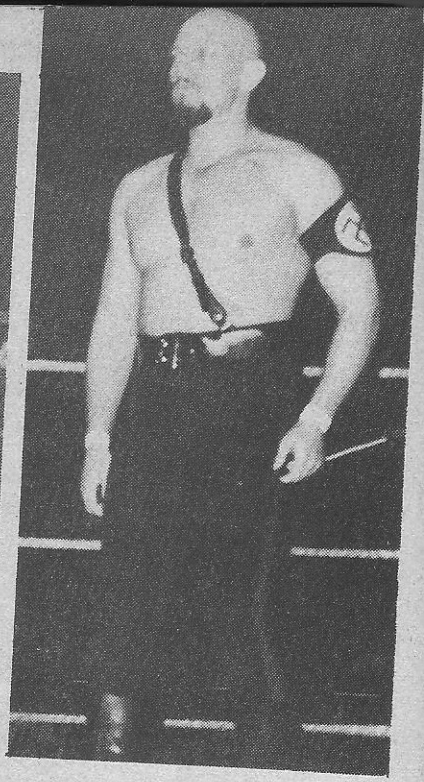


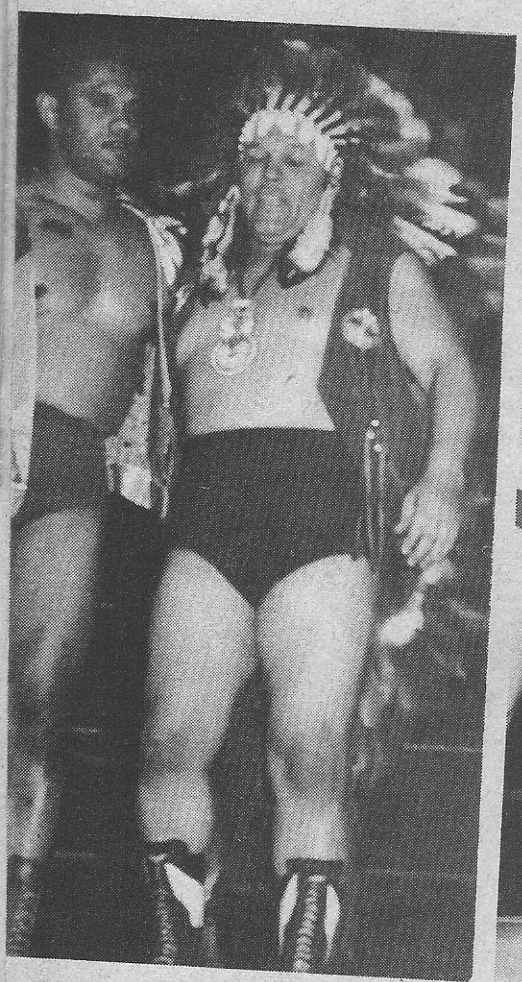


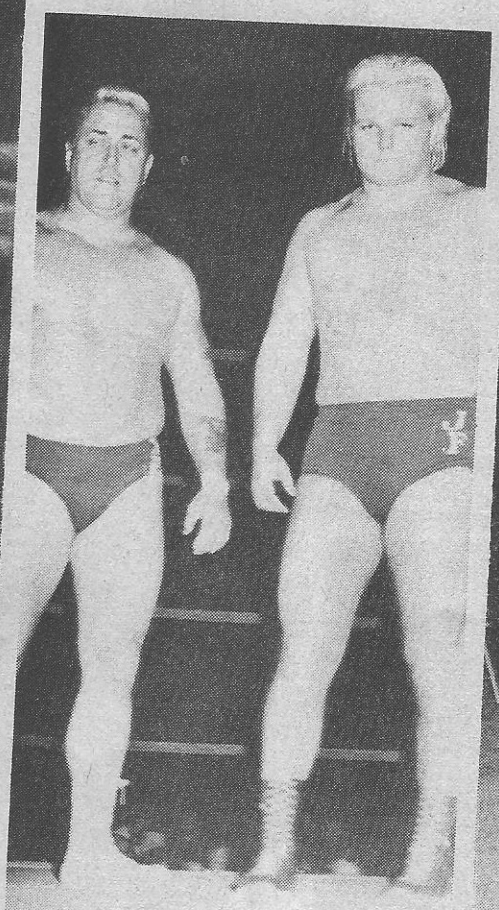


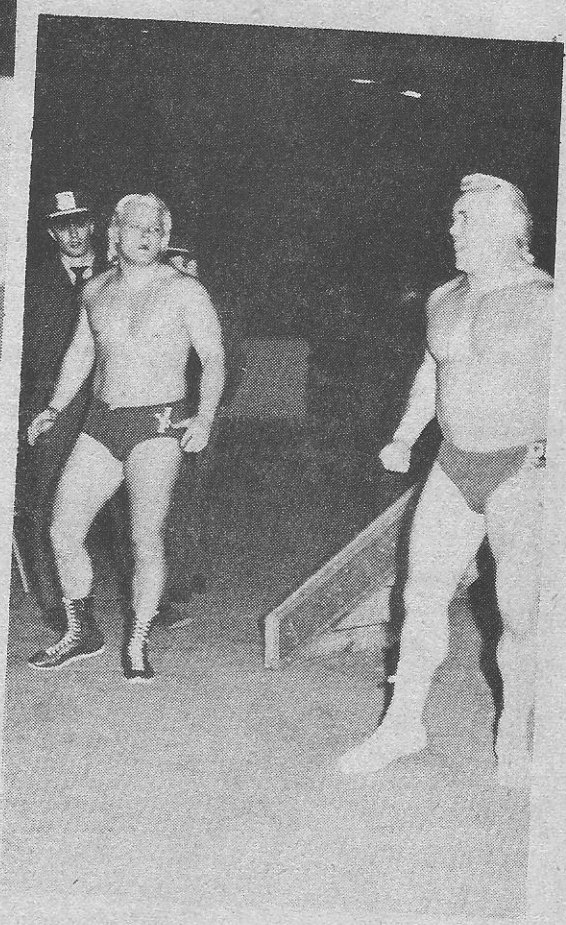


Johnny Powers (l) had too much skill for rough Kurt Von Hess (r) in a torried tussle.









Rivera and Chief White Owl were a colorful tag-team who triumphed over the duo of Donnie and Johnnie Fargo, who took up their battle with the fans (r) when the action got too rough for them inside the ring.

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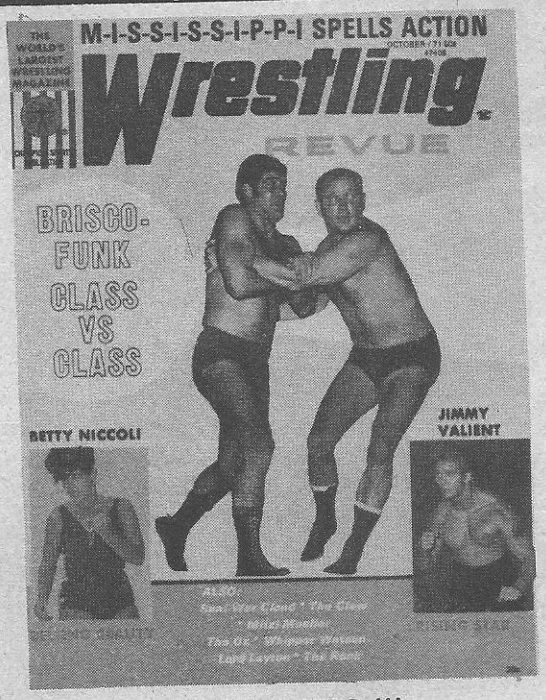

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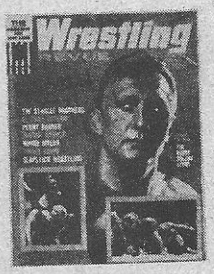

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Gal grapplers Sharon Joy (l) and Tippy Wells with young fans J. J. Roberts and Franky Paige.

Linden, N.J. 07036, is 23, 5'10" and 170 pounds and would like to meet other male amateur wrestlers in pro style bouts, or ref girl matches, and would like to correspond with amateurs around the country, with the idea of starting national standings.

Received a signed permission slip and membership card from Bruce Evans, P.O. Box 783, Reseda, Calif. 91335, for a club for MARIE VAGNORE. I'm waiting to see some club material, and will advise as soon as I receive it.

Thanks to Joe Fernandez, head of ALL STAR WRESTLING NEWSLETTER, for sending current club publication, and only 20 cents a copy. Better send for your copy today to Joe at 319 Sweeny Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94134. Joe is also selling Cow Place programs for 75 cents.

Dorothy M. Fenger, 1904 North 23rd Street, Sheboygan, Wis. 53081, has a FAN CLUB PHOTO SERVICE, and will send a price sheet with info on photos made, membership cards and reprint work.

Charles Mills, Rt 3, Statesboro, Ga. 30458, writes he would like to obtain the 1964 copy of WRESTLING REVUE, but forgot to advise which issue. Let me know, Charles. Some of our readers or the Back Issue Dept. may be able to assist you on this one.

Mike Fillion, 4 Moraine Hill Dr., Agincourt, Ontario, Canada, would like to obtain photos of THE MIGHTY IGOR. Mike would also like to hear from fans of ANGELO MOSCA, WHIPPER BILLY WATSON, IGOR, TEX MCKENZIE & HAYSTACK CALHOUN.

Thanks to Steve Midbust, president of the NORTHWEST WRESTLING REPORT FAN CLUB, 121 Bauer Lane, Eugene, Oregon 97402, for sending his recent club publication. Dues are $2.00 a year or sample copy 35 cents.

Stan Galanski, 302 W. Cherry St., New Castle, Pa. 16102, would like to trade results and info from fans in the Midwest, Southeast, and Northwest.

Wyatt Cox, president of the DANNY LITTLE BEAR FAN CLUB, 7617 Walmer Lane, Prairie Village, Kansas 66204, advises he is increasing the dues to $2.00 a year and requests all checks be made payable to him. Personally I'm looking forward to seeing some of the club material, as I received the signed permission slip early this year and of this writing haven't seen any of the material.

Lisa Chernoff, 1376 Westbury Drive, Philadelphia, Pa. 19151, would like to hear from fans in the New England area as well as her own who like RICKY SEXTON, AKIM MANUKA, JIM VALIANT, PEDRO MORALES & BRUNO SAMMARTINO.

Peter M. Sharde, 57 Jersey Ave., Sydney, Mortdale, N.S.W., Australia, would like to hear from fans of amateur wrestlers, and is interested in starting a club or group of interested persons in his area.

Neal Berger, 228 E. Foxboro St., Sharon, Mass. 02067, would like to exchange results, pictures and clippings with fans in the Detroit and Toronto areas.

Kath Trevena, would be pleased to hear from any girls interested in wishing to form an Amateur Girl Wrestling Club to contact her at Cote House Farm, Aston, Oxford, OX8 2EG, England.

Thanks to Steven Silverstein, prexy of the EAST COAST WRESTLING RESULTS FAN CLUB, 4006 Demont Road, Seaford, N.Y. 11783, for sending his current issue of the monthly club publication. Dues just $2.75 a year, or send 35 cents for sample copy.

Michael Abrams, 756 East 84th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236, would like to have pen pals from around the U.S. and Canada to trade programs, photos and clippings. His favorites are SAMMARTINO, BOBO BRAZIL, GORILLA MONSOON & BULLDOG BROWER.

Interested in programs from Los Angeles? Send an s.a.e. to Jeff Walton, % Olympic Auditorium, 1801 So. Grand, Los Angeles, Calif. 90015, for his list of available souvenir programs.

Well, it is for sure now, the DANNY HODGE FAN CLUB under the direction of Opal Mae Ronspiez was forced to disband. She is, however, keeping the club open for the time being to send out photos, pens, membership cards, etc, for those interested. Write to Opal Mae at P.O. Box 103, Kingfisher, Okla. 73750.

Received an interesting newsletter from George Snow, called the LOS ANGELES WRESTLING HOTLINE, P.O. Box 11321, Los Angeles, Calif. 90011. Write to George for complete details.

Interested in obtaining TV results from New York? Send 25 cents and an s.a.e. to Carmella D'Agostino, 83-07-101 Ave., Ozone, Park, N.Y. 11416. These results are from January of this year to May.

Andrea Petri, president of the REGGIE PARKS FAN CLUB, 2027 N. Read St., #48, Omaha, Neb. 68112, advises that dues are $1.00, 50 cents for an 8 x 10 photo and 25 cents for postage, and members will receive bulletins four times a year.

Thanks to bill Delage, president of the CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW FAN CLUB, for sending his current newsletter, book marks and membership card. Dues are $2.00 a year, and send them to Bill at 115-17 Linden Blvd., So. Ozone Park, New York, 11420.

Thanks to Tom Ramsey, publisher of the CEDAR RAPIDS WRESTLING NEWS, for sending the latest publication, enjoyed reading it. Single copies available for 25 cents an issue, or subscriptions at 6 issues for $1.50. Better drop Tom a few lines, and at least a quarter at 1811 5th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403.

David Halpern, 62 Walnut Hill Road, Brookline, Mass. 02167 would like pen pals who are interested in East Coast wrestling. His favorites include BRUNO SAMMARTINO, CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW, PEDRO MORALES & TONY MARINO.

Well, that wraps up another column, and hope you all enjoyed it, and remember if you didn't, drop me a few lines with your suggestions for improvement. Send your letters to W.F.I.A., P.O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135, Attn: Don Wilson, and if an answer is required, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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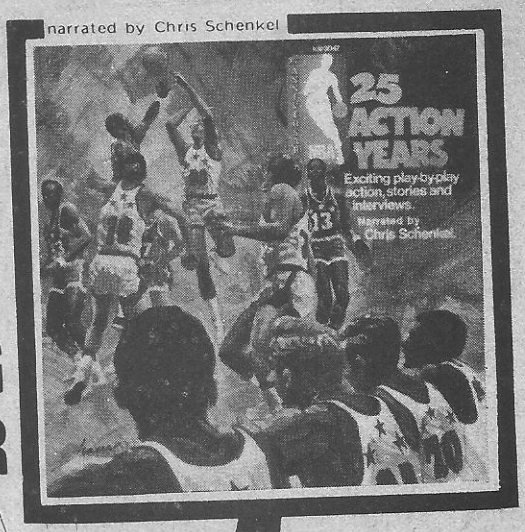

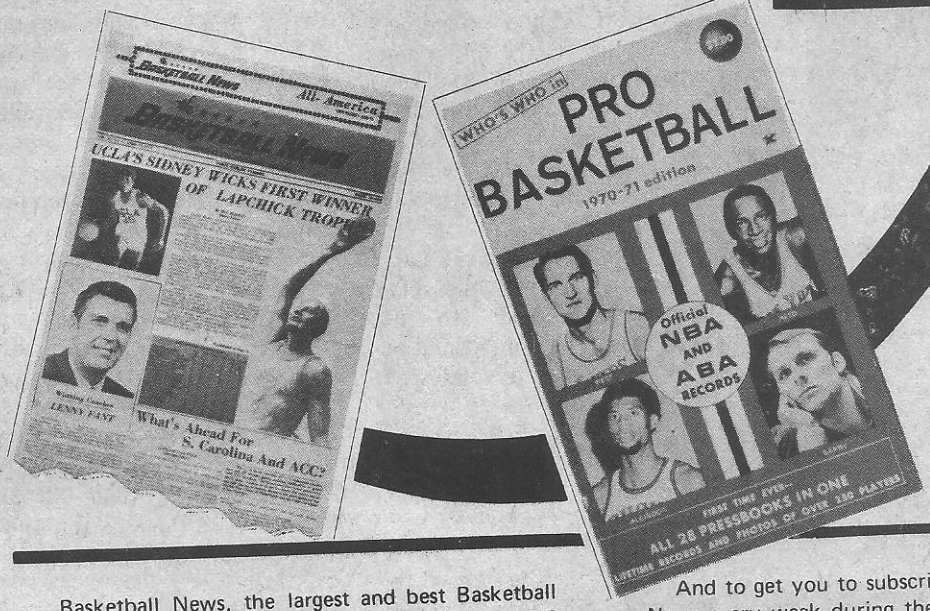

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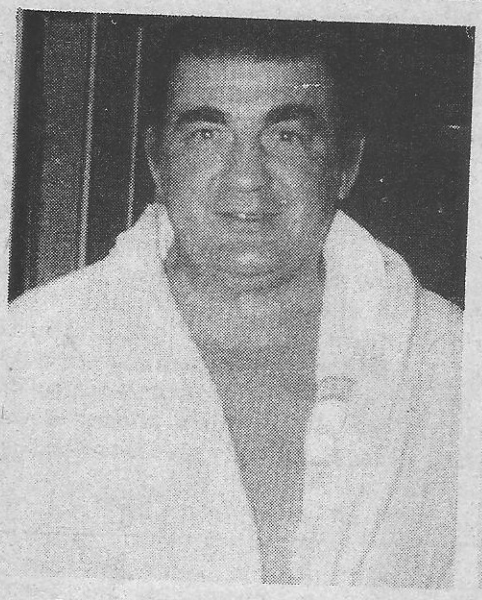
NAMES NOTES, AND NEWS FROM

THE BRITISH WRESTLING SCENE

By BRIAN DIXON



Jack Pye, who is making a strong comeback.

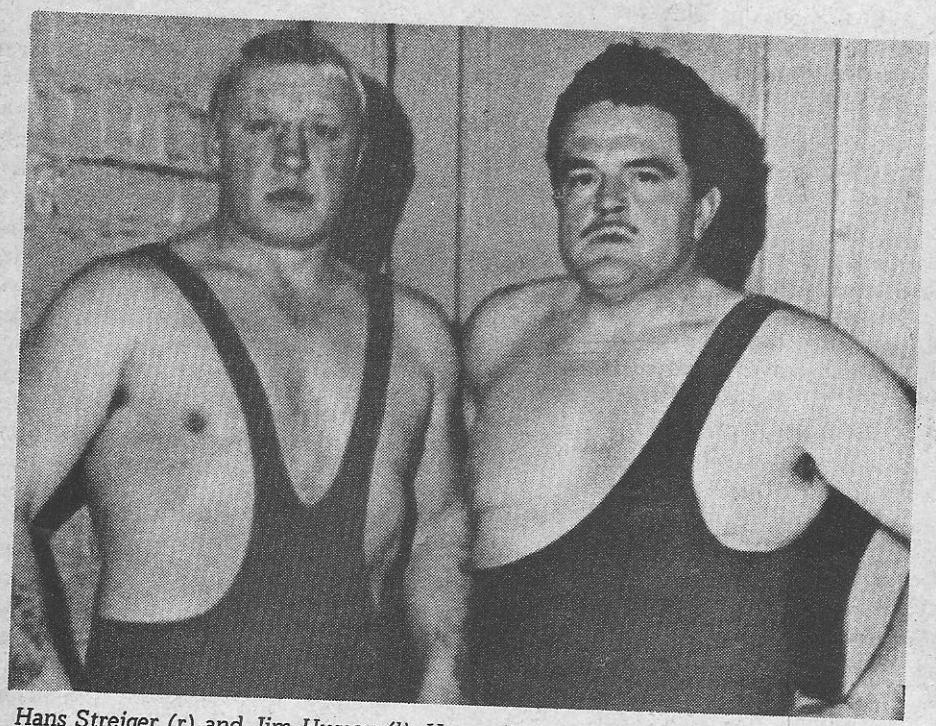
Jackie Mr. TV Pallo

Big news of the month in the wrestling scene here in England is the news of the arrival of the world-rated Bhulus of Pakistan. The Bhulus are due to arrive here in England next month and the promoters of their tour, the Wrestling Federation, have big plans to have some world class championships with such leading heavies as GEORGES GORDIENKO of Canada, a leading world title contender himself; DARA SINGH of India who is also due to arrive in this country very shortly, and 32-stone KLONDYKE BILL, the undefeated Alaskan one-man riot squad. These are just a few of the top names that will be here to face the unbeatable Bhulu brothers.

Watch out in my next column for latest news and photos on the Bhulus' tour of England. The last time they wrestled here crowds of up to 60,000 packed the large stadiums around the country to watch the Pakistanis in action.

Mr. TV JACKIE PALLO, one of television's most popular names in the wrestling brigade, has now introduced his seventeen-year-old son JACKIE PALLO JR., into the wrestling business. Jackie and son made their first appearance as a tag team this week at a small town in mid-Wales. A capacity house was drawn with the Pallos fighting the DENNISONS. It certainly looks as if the promoters are on a winner when the Pallos team up to make an attractive top-of-the-bill.

Talking of Pallo, he had one of his hardest opponents on television last weekend when he met the incomparable LES KELLETT. In a rip-roaring clash the referee declared a no contest decision when Kellett sustained an injury and was unable to



Hans Streiger (r) and Jim Hussey (l). Hussey is doing well in Germany, while his ex-tag partner is having a great season in Lebanon.

continue.

After my recent article on our top British names, the Wrestling Federation office had requests from promoters in such countries as Lebanon, France, Turkey and Yugoslavia, for contracts for some of our top names to appear in the various countries. Just a reminder. If any promoters reading this column are interested in any of the top names in the English wrestling scene, they should get in touch with me for further information. Write WRESTLING FEDERATION GB.81, FOUNTAIN ST. BIRKNHEAD, CHESHIRE, ENGLAND.

Newly-crowned British lightweight champion JOHNNY SAINT of Manchester has a tough bout for his first title defence shortly when he is scheduled to meet the former Lightweight champion from Bradford, JIMMY BREAKS. Breaks, former British champion and the present European lightweight champ, lost the British belt to ZOLTAN BOSCIK who in turn lost it to Saint. Now Breaks has recovered from his recent ring injury. He is fighting fit and ready to take the title back. A clash between the very skillful Breaks and Saint will certainly be a great match.

The uncrowned king of the mat, JACK PYE of Blackpool, who retired from the ring seven years ago, has made a sudden comeback into the wrestling scene. Pye, one of the best known wrestlers in England, is thought to be the dirtiest of all the ring heavies. Without a doubt Jack was a legend in his own right. Now he has decided to return to the ring, he is still attracting curiosity. For Jack makes no bones about his age: he's in his sixties.

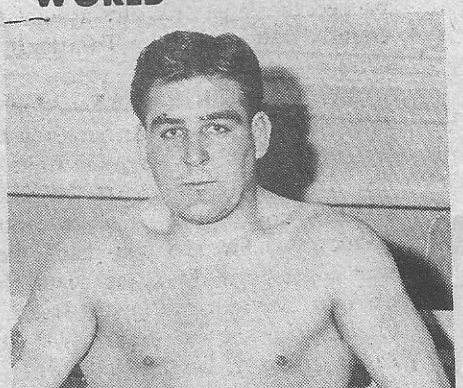
Latest title news to arrive on my desk was the shock news of VIC FAULKNER, one half of the famous ROYALS tag team, losing his European middleweight championship to MICK McMANUS in a recent title match at Nottingham. Faulkner had held onto the European middleweight belt for some five years defending it regularly, but the McManus challenge proved too much for young Vic and the experienced South Londoner walked out with the belt. A return bout will be scheduled for the future.

Good news from Germany is that JIM HUSSEY is going great guns there in the annual tournaments. Jimmy and his son Mark packed their bags several weeks back and decided to spend the summer months in Germany and from all accounts they are both having a great deal of success.

One other piece of good news is that LES THORNTON, alias HENRI PIERLOTT of Manchester, who is at present in Canada is certainly reaching the top out there. He is the present holder of the Canadian heavyweight title and is shortly to have a crack at the World title. Everybody here in England is behind him and hopes he can pull a victory off and bring the world title back to England with him.

Finally, is there anybody around the wrestling world who has seen Bill Robinson in recent months? We here in England have lost all track of him. If you have seen him perhaps you could be good enough to drop me a line at the address mentioned earlier and let me know his whereabouts. ◆◆

DEATH OF FORMER CHAMPION ROBERT SHOCKS WRESTLING WORLD



On October 7, 1942, Yvon Robert defeated Bill Longson to win the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship. This was just one of the many wrestling events in Montreal that made Yvon the most popular wrestler in Quebec, and probably Canadian wrestling history. In 1948 he established a long standing attendance mark by drawing 18,000 fans to see him defeat Georgeous George in Montreal.

Then on Monday, July 13th, 1971, the 56 year old great died suddenly of a heart attack. Yvon's death brought shock waves across the wrestling world for he is ranked with Frank Gotch, Strangler Lewis, and Joe Stecher as one of the greats of all time.

Just two months ago Yvon was honored by being named this year's recipient of the Medaille d'Or. That is the annual award given to outstanding French-Canadian athletes and previous winners included Maurice Richard.

Robert wrestled a who's who of great wrestlers during his career. Among his opponents were Vic Christy, Ernie Dusek, Lou Thesz, Frank Sexton, Bobby Managoff, Killer Kowalski, and Don Leo Jonathan. He was a ,protege of the Canadian Champion John Masson, and trained by Emil Maupas. At the peak of his career he was without a doubt the highest paid athlete in Canada.

Even after he retired from the sport in 1957, Yvon continued to be active. Up until the end he kept himself in excellent physical condition. The only thing that anger him were those critics who would claim that wrestling is phony. He usually settled those arguments by pointing to his gnarled ears and scar patterned face and saying, "I didn't get those answering telephones."

Yvon is survived by his wife, Leona his daughter, Claire; and his son, Yvon Jr. Young Robert also is a professiona wrestler who has made a great nam for himself in Montreal and throughou the continent.

To his family, everyone connecte with wrestling must feel profoun sympathy. The death of Yvon Robe at the young age of 56 leaves anyon who ever saw him wrestle with feeling of sorrow. Profession wrestling owes a great debt to Yvo Robert who will be remembere forever as one of its greatest stars. ◆

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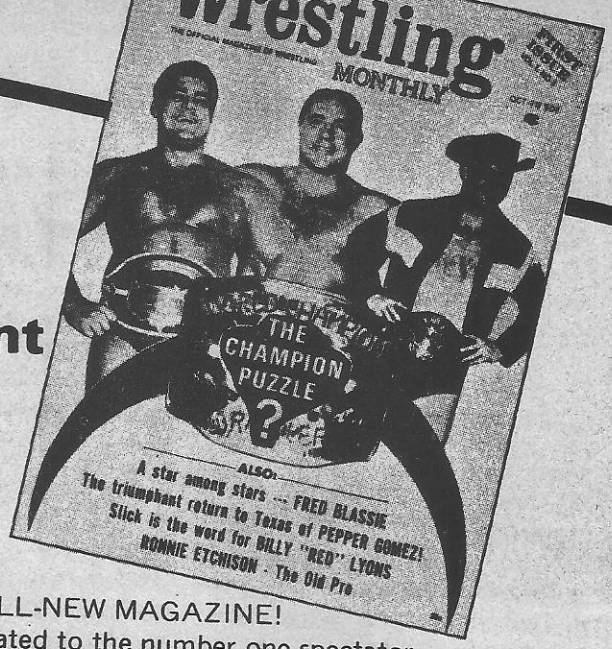

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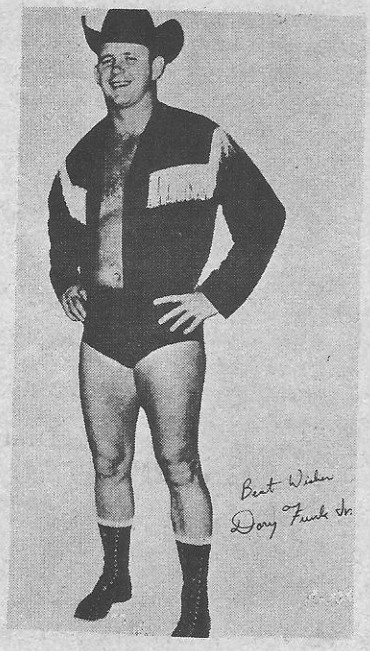

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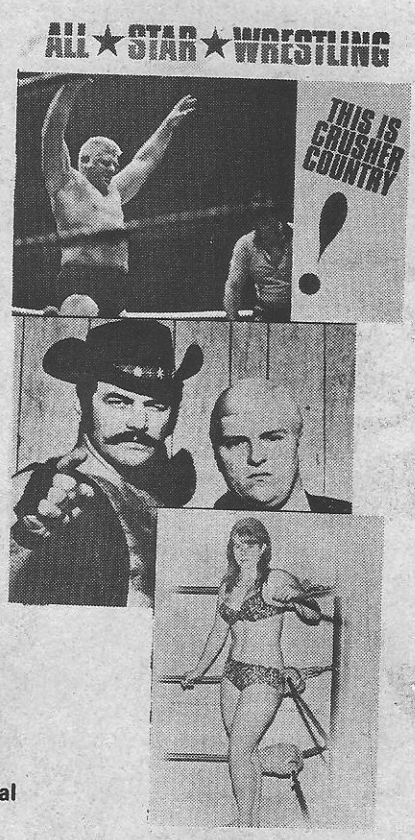

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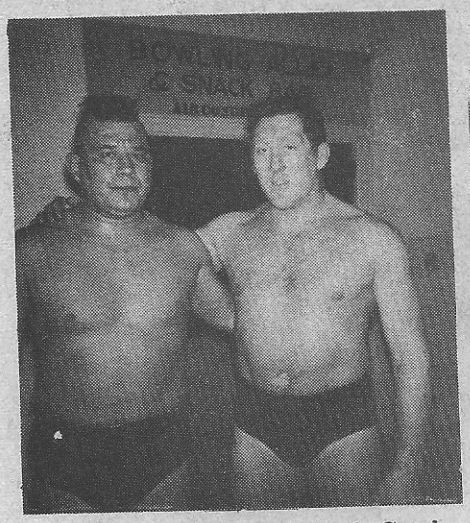

Billy Two Rivers and Karl Gotch, packing them in, in Japan.

Guess who's in the middle? Wrong, it's Sir Clements in disguise, with Mike (l) and Don Greene.

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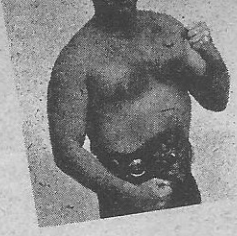

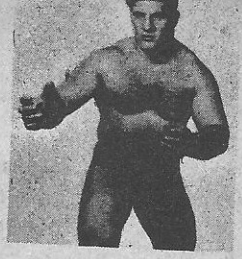

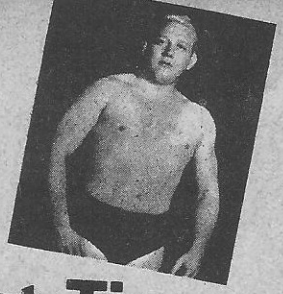

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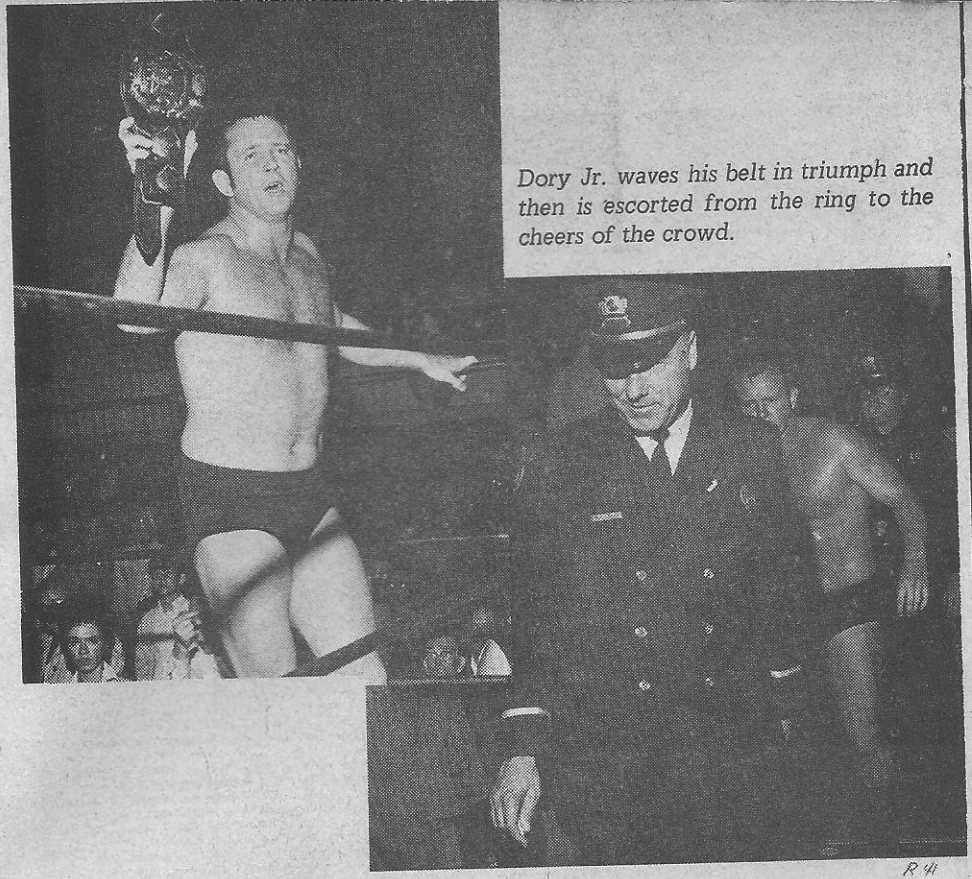

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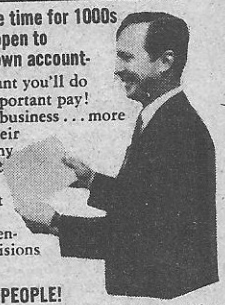

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Brisco-Funk (Continued from page 12)

officiating, there was little need for a third man in the ring this night; except perhaps to count a pin and raise the victor's hand. Each man knew his job and how to obey the few rules there are in professional wrestling; and they were interested in science not the traits of the villain.

The first fall came at 16:23 and was won by Funk who applied a suplex and body-press to gain credit. A further 6:03 passed before Brisco secured the second fall by submission with his infamous grapevine death lock. The final decision was reached at 27:18 when Brisco was disqualified for not breaking a hold while under the ropes. It was doubtful whether or not Brisco realized this fact and same was verified later.

All in all, it was the type of match that even a promoter, whose main interest does not extend beyond gate receipts, would sit and watch with real interest; as indeed we did! ◆◆◆

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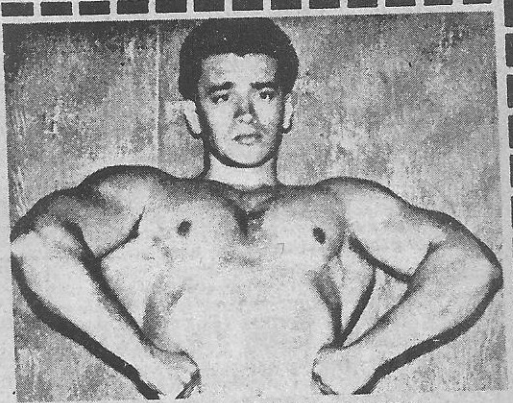

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Unholy Alliance (Continued from page 33)

The Claw is one of the most unpopular men to wrestle in the midwestern states.

Claw and Ragowski were the original team, having the title themselves at that time. However, during a savage match in the Lincoln, Nebraska, Pershing Auditorium, they lost their title belts to Stan Pulaski and Reggie Parks. In the process, the Claw received a broken leg which meant being placed on the sidelines for some time.

After the disaster in Lincoln, the Claw had only one thing on his mind: Get Parks and Pulaski, pay them back for what they did to him.

The Claw reasoned that he could hurt the new champions the most by taking the title right back from them. The problem then, was a replacement for himself. Someone tough enough, mean enough to fill the Claw's shoes.

The man they finally settled on was giant Ox Baker of Waterloo, Iowa. Baker, a huge figure at about 6'-6" and 310 pounds, summed up the situation at once. Although preferring to wrestle single matches, he agreed. He was willing to bury the hatchet, unfortunately, he was aiming at his would-be partner's head at the time. Ragowski, who tips the scales at about 275 himself, is no small man. A few loose words in the dressing and the two were ready to have at it. But the Claw was always right there to keep matters in hand.

Of course, the big question in everyone's mind was whether or not the Claw could channel the energy of two conflicting personalities long enough for them to take the title.

In a brief but exciting first fall, the defending titleholders won out, thus causing the ringside-bound Claw to have a fit. Held back by crutches and a heavy plaster cast on his lower leg, the Claw could only sit at ringside or hobble back and fourth from his seat at a turtle's pace.

Still, his instructions paid off when the Ox and Rock took the second fall and later the third and deciding fall. With it the title.

Oh yes, the Claw or "Mr. Clawman," as Baker refers to him; had just a little something to do with that third and crucial fall. It seems that Pulaski (who had broke the masked man's leg in that Lincoln bout) veered over too close to where the Claw was sitting and became tangled up in his crutches. Of course, the Claw says that it was all an accident but all Pulaski knew that when he woke up, he and Parks were ex-champions.

For the team of Ragowski, Baker and Claw, the Midwest crown isn't enough. They want bigger and better crowns and somehow you feel they'll get them. After all, isn't the Claw "the world's greatest manager"? ♦♦♦

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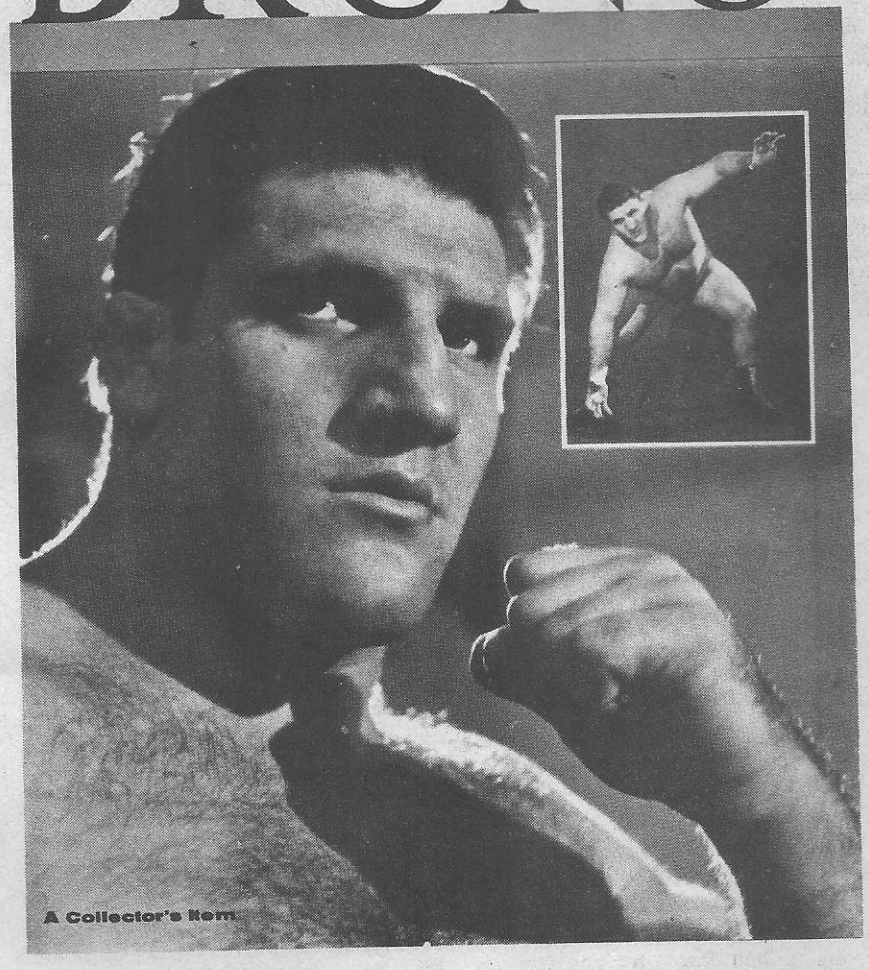

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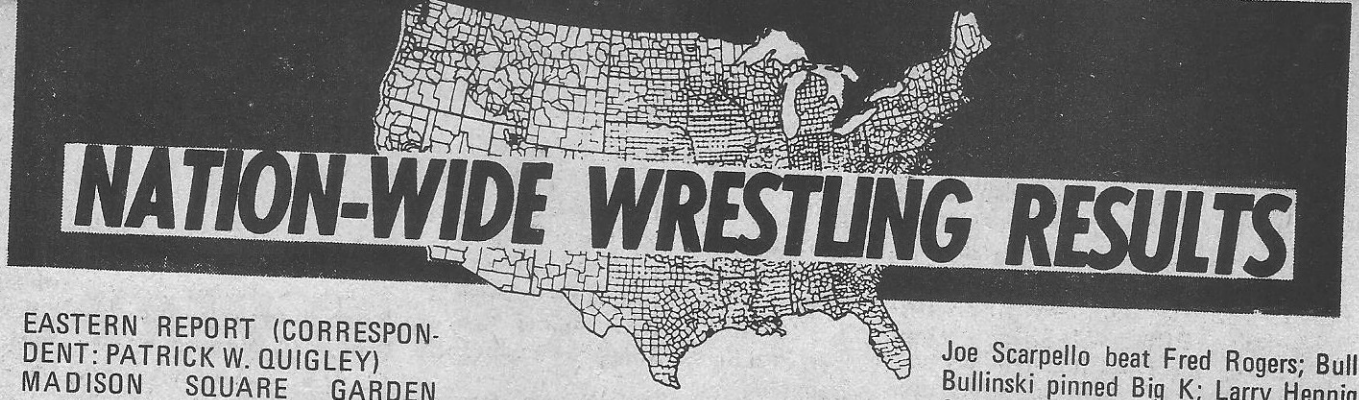

NATION-WIDE WRESTLING RESULTS

EASTERN REPORT (CORRESPONDENT: PATRICK W. QUIGLEY)

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN....The Black Demon beat Jack Evans; Bob Roop downed Manuel Soto; The Kangaroos won over Mike Pappas & Akim Manuka; Dory Funk Sr. subdued Bill White; Jimmy Valient drew with Beautiful Bobby; Jay Strongbow whipped Eddie Graham; Gorilla Monsoon drew Tarzan Tyler; Pedro Morales defeated Luke Graham.

PHILADELPHIA....Manuel Soto bested Luis Torres; Stan Stasiak downed Tomas Marin; Fred Curry whipped Jack Evans; The Black Demon defeated Akim Manuka; Ricky Sexton defeated Blackjack Mulligan.

PORTLAND, Maine (CORRESPONDENT: RONALD NOLETTE).... Manuel Soto beat Bull Pometti; Beautiful Bobby defeated Gus Pappas; Arnold Skaaland drew Juan Caruso; Tarzan Tyler won over Jimmy Valient; Jay Strongbow whipped Luke Graham; Blackjack Mulligan bested Gorilla Monsoon; Pedro Morales downed Bulldog Brower.

DES MOINES, Iowa (CORRESPONDENT: DON KETTERER)....Dick The Bruiser beat Baron von Raschke; Harley Race downed Pat O'Connor; Steve Bolus defeated Miguel Valentino; Tor Kamata drew The Viking; Rufus Jones & The Stomper won over Bob Orton & Buddy Austin.

HAMMOND, Ind. (CORRESPONDENT: RICH SUFAK)....The Fabulous Kangaroos defeated Wilbur Snyder & Yukon Moose Cholak; Baron von Raschke drew Dick the Bruiser; Angelo Poffo defeated Gilbert Guerrero; Paul Christy defeated Johnny Kace; The Mighty Igor pinned Mitsu Arakawa; Bobo Brazil pinned Crybaby George Cannon.

CENTRAL FLORIDA REPORT (CORRESPONDENT: D. NELMS)

TAMPA....Jack Brisco won over Missouri Mauler; Dick Murdock defeated Klondike Bill; The Great Malenko defeated Rene Goulet–disq.; Dale Lewis & The Original Grappler defeated Mil Mascaras & The Grappler; Hiro Matsuda & Bob Roop won over Hideo Komo & Mr. Okuma; Sonny "Big Cat" King defeated Edouardo Perez.

LAKELAND....Mr. X defeated Calvin Taylor; Ronnie Garvin & The Original Grappler defeated Ron Fuller & Jack Welch; Ron Fuller defeated Mr. Okuma; Jose Lothario drew Rene Goulet.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REPORT (CORRESPONDENT: JOE POTTGIESER JR.)

SAN FRANCISCO....Ray Stevens defeated Paul DeMarco–disq.; Pat Patterson & Billy Graham drew Rocky Johnson & Peter Maivia; Pepper Martin defeated Bull Ramos; Mighty Brutus defeated Jerry Monti; Pat Barrett defeated Len Shelly.

RENO, Nev. (CORRESPONDENT: ROGER JOSEPH)....Pat Patterson defeated Ray Stevens–disq.; Rocky Johnson & Peter Maivia beat Paul DeMarco & Mighty Brutus; Billy Graham trounced Pepper Martin; Pat Barrett downed Mighty Brutus.

RICHMOND, Va. (CORRESPONDENT: JOE MORGAN)....Argentina Apollo & Les Thatcher defeated Art Nelson & Gene Anderson; Koa Tiki & Luther Lindsay won over Johnny Heidman & Jim Grabmire; Jim Dillon lost to Brute Bernard; Nick Russo won over Joe Furr.

EDMONTON, Ala. (CORRESPONDENT: R. A. MANNING)....John Helton & Bill Cody & Carlos Belafonte defeated Earl Black & Tiger Tomasso & John War Lance; Angus Campbell defeated Dan Kroffit; Dory Funk Jr. went to a draw with Les Thornton.

NEWARK, N.J. (CORRESPONDENT: PATRICK W. QUIGLEY)....Jimmy Valient subdued Tomas Marin; Black Demon beat Juan Rodrigues; Bill White downed Tony Zolo; Bob Roop pummeled Miguel Feliciano; Luke Graham defeated Ernie Lassiter.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (CORRESPONDENT: JUDY HARLSON).... Joe Scarpello beat Fred Rogers; Bull Bullinski pinned Big K; Larry Hennig & Lars Anderson beat Paul Daimond & Art Thomas; Nick Bockwinkel pinned Bill Miller; Bill Robinson beat Kobayashi; Jack Lanza & Bobby Heenan lost to The Crusher.

QUEBEC REPORT (CORRESPONDENT: CARNILLE LORD)

MONTREAL.....Lionel Robert won over Sigui Sito; Chin Lee beat Juan Lopez; Paul Leduc beat Dick Medranos; Antonio Baillargeon beat Michel Dubois; Dick Korea & Pepe Gomez beat Claude Gesselin & Pat Keely; Jes Leduc beat Tony Angelo; Mr. X beat Johnny Rogeau.

MONTREAL....Johnny Fargo drew Jerry Brown; Yvon Robert Jr. beat Don Fargo; Hercules Dessary beat Harley Race; Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon battled to a no contest with Reggie Park & Billy Two Rivers; Edouard Carpentier drew Verne Gagne.

VERDUN....Cowboy Jones beat Ricky Ferrara; Denis Gauthier won over The Destroyer-disq.; Pierre LeMarin bested Pat Girard; Gilles Poissen drew Reggie Parks–No Contest; Mad Dog Vachon beat Billy Two Rivers; Edouard Carpentier & Yvon Robert Jr. beat Jerry Brown & Dale Roberts.

ONTARIO REPORT (CORRESPONDENT: MIKE PELLERIN)

TORONTO....Whipper Watson Jr. beat Gene Madrid; Dominic DeNucci downed Mike Loren; Ernie Ladd whipped Lou Klein; Hans Schmidt defeated Mighty Ursus; Sandy Parker drew Peggy Patterson; Baron Scicluna & The Assassin beat Ivan Kalmikoff & Fred Atkins; Bobo Brazil & Dewey Robertson whipped John Quinn & George Cannon; The Lover Brothers drew Sweet Daddy Siki & Luis Martinez; The Fabulous Kangaroos drew Tex McKenzie & Igor Vodik; Whipper Watson Sr. & Haystack Calhoun defeated Mitsu Arakawa & Chris Tolos; Lord Layton downed Mr. Sato; Dory Funk Jr. drew The Sneik–No Contest.

CRANSTON, R.I. (CORRESPONDENT: STEVE IONATA)....Bill White drew Bull Pometti; Jim Valient drew Beautiful Bobby; Pedro Morales beat The Black Demon; Juan Caruso beat Akim Manuka; Jay Strongbow & Manuel Soto drew Luke Graham & Tarzan Tyler.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (CORRESPONDENT: DON WILSON)....Dory Funk Jr. defeated Johnny Valentine; Luis Martinez & Steve Bolus over Mickey Doyle & Gene Madrid; Betty Niccoli defeated Marie LaVern; Sweet Daddy Siki over Sato; Rufus R. Jones defeated Hans Schmidt; Harley Race defeated Dewey Robertson; Jack Brisco & Pat O'Connor defeated Bill Miller & Black Jack Lanza.

CALGARY, Ala. (CORRESPONDENT: LARRY MELANSON).... Stirling Gaylord drew Victor Jovica; Don Fargo & Johnny Valentine Jr. beat The Great Moki & Nick Pacchiano; Spike Jones bested Bob Pringle; Earl Black & Tiger Tomasso & Johnny War Lance beat Big John Helton & Bill Cody & Carlos Balafonte; Black Angus Campbell bested Don Kroffat; Dory Funk Jr. drew Les Thornton.

VICTORIA, B.C. (CORRESPONDENT: MARTIN PAGE)....The Skull Brothers beat Dean Higuchi & Steve Little Bear; Eric Froelich & Freddie Baron defeated Dean Higuchi & Jack Bence; Dave Muir & Sandy Barr beat Soldat Gorky & Thunderbolt Cannon.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (CORRESPONDENT: DON MAJESKI)....Earl Maynard defeated The Outlaw; Earl Maynard & Don Carson & Ray Mendoza defeated (with El Gran Lothario subbing for injured Mendoza during match) Kinji Shibuya & Mr. Saito & B. J. Tolos; El Gran Lothario over Wild Lou Whitson; Bull Ramos over Lou Anthony; The Apollo drew Art Mahalik.

HONOLULU, H.I. (CORRESPONDENT: GEORGE T. BEPPU)....Bill Robinson defeated Rocky Montero & The Gladiator; Mad Dog Maye drew Sam Steamboat.

HARTSVILLE, Tenn. (CORRESPONDENT: TODD SNYDER)....Kurt & Karl von Brauner defeated Len Rossi & Bearcat Brown; Eddie Martin defeated Guy Laroso.

RICHMOND, Va. (CORRESPONDENT: JOE MORGAN)....George Becker & Johnny Weaver defeated Gene Anderson & Art Nelson; Bruce Bernard & Missouri Mauler defeated Koa Tiki & Luther Lindsay; Barbara Nichols won from Tammy Jones; Angelo Martinelli lost to Jesse James.

TOKYO,Japan (CORRESPONDENT: KOICHI YOSHIZAWA)....Giant Baba & Mt. Ito drew Ivan Koloff & Dutch Savage; Kanji Inoki defeated Danny Hodge; Oki Kintaro pinned Black Gordman.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CORRESPONDENT: BRUCE KIMBLE).....Waldo von Erich defeated John Powers-disq.; Bulldog Brower over Crusher Verdu; The Executioner & Pete Sanchez defeated Dr. X & Eric the Red; Chief White Owl over Bruce Swayze.

European Scene

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knows, moreover, how to wrestle, nothing to be compared with certain former giants who were clowns and not serious wrestlers. Ferre is French but of Bulgarian origin like the famous Bukovac brothers; this is why in England he is called: Roussinoff. Ferre-Roussinoff has an unexhaustible energy and he has just won the super-heavy weight tournament by crushing Bustin, called the Liegeoise Mountain.

An all-in wrestling school has been opened in Paris and it is my great friend, Louis Michon, who is presiding over the destinies of the future champions. In a very short time, Michon has brought out some excellent wrestlers, in particular, Paco Ramirez, Abder Hassoudine and the harmonious J. P. Lecompte. After two years' absence from our country, we have just seen the return of the fantastic Bobby Duranton, who is still as strange as ever in his manner of dress, and who for his debut in the French capital, neatly disposed of the Sicilian, Giacomo Guguelmetti.

Kyiomigawa, the master of "Atewaza," plans to settle definitively in our country, with another twenty-year old Nipponese, the solid Maité Inoué, who is holder of a black belt 4th dan. These two Japanese terrors are playing havoc in the rings. Peter Van Buyten, alias Captain Davis, is also with us and this marvelous physical culturist is a serious wrestler. The Spanish wrestlers are still here; the lightweight Enriquo Torrés, the solid middleweight Antonio Vargas, and the boiling Antonio Montoro are obtaining very great success. There is a new wrestler of great class, César Viltar, who wrestles abroad wrongly, in my opinion, under the name of Siki. The master René Chamoul is still the star of the winter circus, together with Walter Bordès, from Bordeaux. The elegant Michel Chaisne is considering leaving for Hamburg to rejoin Gil Voiney, who during his trip to the U.S.A., wrestled under the name of Max Mortier. Voiney has a very large café in Hamburg and is always very pleased to welcome any wrestling friends who happen to be passing through that great German port.

The future of professional wrestling seems to me to be in jeopardy since certain so-called "stars" no longer practise the profession conscientiously. It is not enough to have a "name." As in all work, it is necessary to persevere, to improve, to be in good condition, and to respect the public, because it is the public finally which keeps this marvellous world of wrestling alive. So we protest against the clowning, the masquerades, which, even if they may draw the public once, discourage them from coming to other bouts. It is also necessary: to know how to wrestle. Now, not just anyone can be a wrestler; it is a profession which is hard, rough, and which is not suitable for the mediocre.

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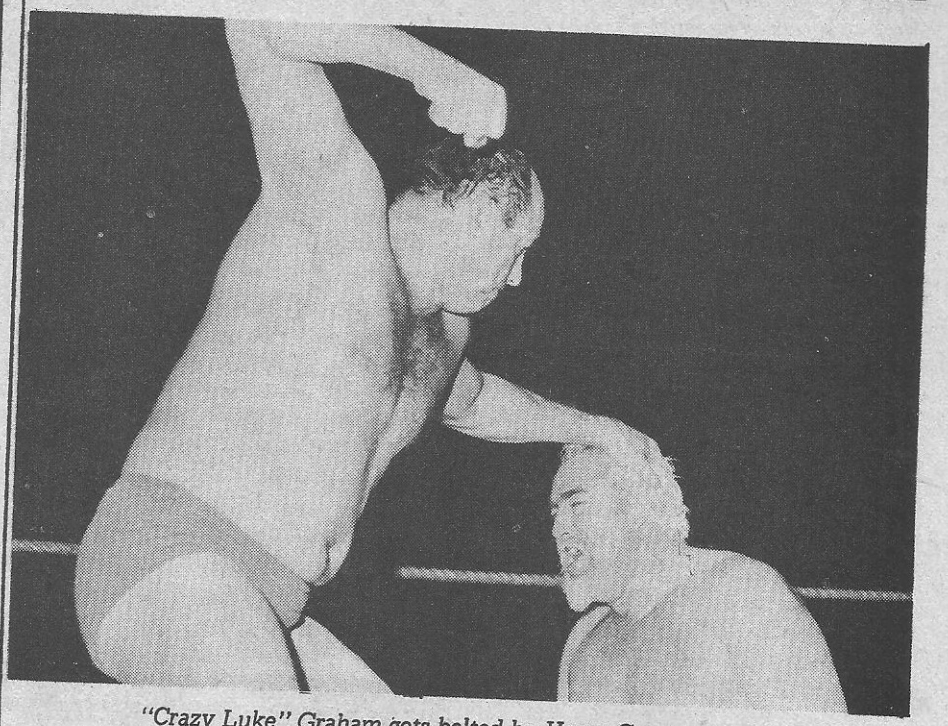


"Crazy Luke" Graham gets belted by Verne Gagne.

Champion. . .In New York the Athletic Commission prohibits wrestlers to wear masks; consequently, when the Black Demon appeared at the Sunnyside Garden Arena wearing a half mask, an alert fan immediately recognized his features as those of Tony Nero. Not to mention the double XX boots that have become a Nero trademark. . .Japanese villain Haru Sasaki is wrestling as a hero in the Oregon area. . .The official wrestling magazine of Mexico, *Lucha Libre,* has recently revealed the true identity of Mil Mascaras to be that of the Mexican grappler Lupillio Gonzales. . .Crusher Stan Stasiak defeated Dutch Savage for the Pacific Northwest Heavyweight title in Portland, Oregon. Stasiak wore a hockey helmet into the ring due to his intense fear of Savage's dreaded Pile Driver hold. As Stasiak explained it, "I was not only protecting my own head, but my life and possibly my career.". . .E. P. (Cowboy) Luttrall, who has had his hand in the wrestling game for nearly 50 years as a wrestler and later a wrestling promoter, sold his interests in the highly successful Tampa-based Deep South Sports, Inc. to his long-time protege Eddie Graham. The promotion spots involved are Tampa, West Palm Beach, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. . .N.W.A. Junior Heavyweight Champion Danny Hodge is extremely proud of the excellent color snapshots he took while on his latest tour of Japan and after viewing them everyone would agree that he has a perfect right to be proud. . .The Big "O" currently appearing in the Midwest was found to be Beautiful Brutus under that flaming red mask. . .Thunderbolt Patterson is the cousin of Earl "Mr. Universe" Maynard. . .There were no less than six (count 'em) different grapplers wrestling as The Mighty Yankees in the Tennessee and Missouri area. They were identified as: Pepe Lopez, Tony Russo, Eddie Sullivan, Ralph Patton, Ron Wright and Frank Morrell. . .going back several years, The Crusher complained to the referee that the ring lights glared off Verne Gagne's head and were blinding him—to remedy the situation, The Crusher bought the A.W.A. Champion a wig for a Christmas gift. . .Big Bob Windham is campaigning in the East as Blackjack Mulligan and he is managed by "The Grand Wizard" (Abdulla Farouk). . .If you have enjoyed this column and have interesting items that you wish to share, please write: G. J. Rowell, P.O Box 114, Essexville, Michigan, 48732. If a reply is desired, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

stories about him retiring. Do you go along with this statement?

John Constancia
Bristol, Rhode Island

(Editor's Note: Sammartino has not fully retired, but he has cut down on the number of matches he wrestles each year.)

SIR CLEMENTS IS A FINK

Sirs:

After reading the Manager's Corner (May 71) I can say now that Sir Clements is not like other managers, he is worse. Like most of his kind he does his fighting with words then hides behind his doubly fake team of so-called wrestlers.

The best thing to do to this man is to send him back to England, and let him take his team with him.

Randy Sample
Lakeland Fla.

SAYS TORONTO HAS GREAT WRESTLERS

Sirs:

Why don't you get more stories about the great wrestlers up here in Toronto. We have such greats as the Sheik, Chris Tolos, Lord Athol Layton and also such great tag teams as The Love Brothers, The Kangaroos and also Mitsu Arakawa & Mr. Sato. So come on and let's get more stories from the Toronto area.

Andy Kenthol
Toronto, Canada

ENJOYS WATCHING TV WRESTLING

Sirs:

I have been reading W.R. for a little over a year and would like to say it is FANTASTIC!

My favorite wrestlers are Tarzan Tyler, Haystack Calhoun and The Sheik. They deserve big articles on each one of them.

Also, I have been watching "Championship Wrestling" with Bill Cardille. It is great. Beautiful Bobby has done very well and I hope you will do an article on him too.

Jeff Jorgensen
Wayside, N.J.

(Editor's Note: The Sept. issue had a feature on "Bobby", and we have had stories on all the others too.)

A FAN OF THE CLAW'S

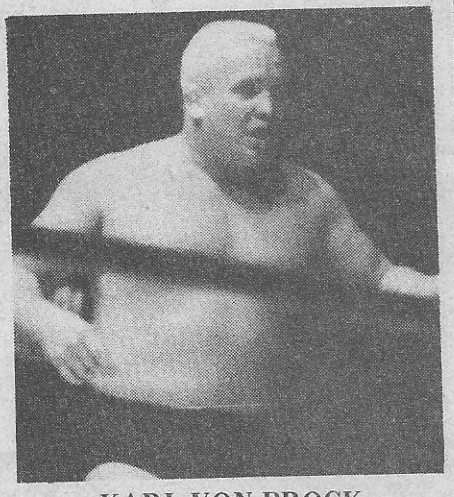
Sirs:

I've been reading WRESTLING REVUE for six months now and I think it's the greatest wrestling magazine in the whole world.

In the June issue you had a story on The Claw. I really enjoyed this story because he's my favorite wrestler. He used to wrestle in the Northwest and was one of the most colorful grapplers in this area. I can't wait for him to return, but before he does I think he should be given a shot at Verne Gagne's AWA belt. Please print a picture of The Claw.

Bruce Winkkala
Naselle, Wash.

(Editor's Note: Better than a picture–there is a big story with lotta photos of The Claw and his new tag-partners on Page 32.)



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Sirs:

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Larry Carli
Sacramento, Calif.

(Editor's Note: You must have missed the June/71 issue–had a big story on Karl).

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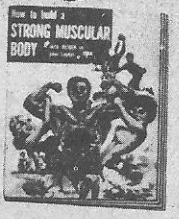

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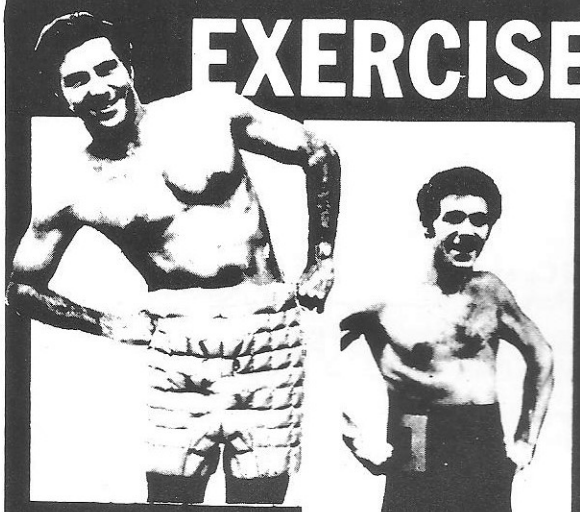

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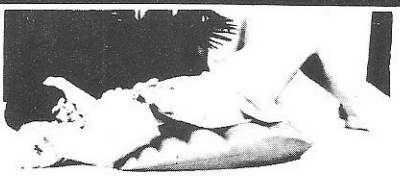

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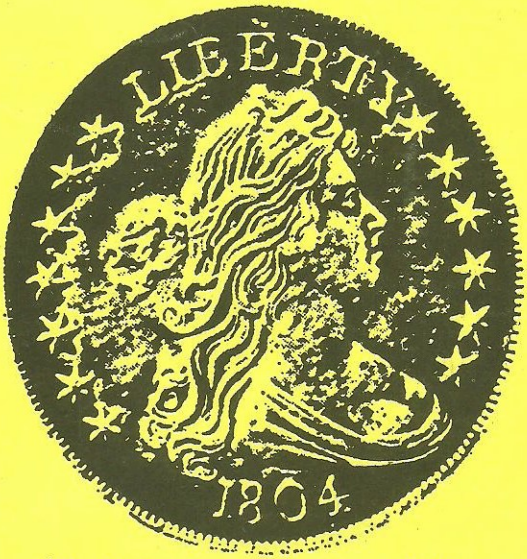

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